

ARP Emergency Grants to Students

Northern State University has entered into an agreement with the US Department of Education by signing and returning a Certification and Agreement to receive funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP). The institution has agreed to provide at least 50% of the funds received through the ARP as Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. NSU received \$1,405,445 to be disbursed as Emergency Grants to Students.

In order to apply for an Emergency Grant, a student must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Been an enrolled student at NSU for the 2020 Summer, 2020 Fall, or 2021 Spring semesters, or
- Be a currently enrolled student

An initial group of students who met the above requirements were sent an email from the NSU Financial Aid Office with a link to the online application. Students must submit the online application, answering the questions in reference to the areas COVID-19 has impacted them and an estimated dollar amount of that impact. An institutional committee will review the applications and determine a dollar amount to award, taking into consideration funding availability and student requests. Award amounts will range from \$250-\$2,000 with exceptions made for extraordinary circumstances.

Emergency Grant awards are to be used by students for students' cost of attendance or for any expenses due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care, and child-care expenses.

As of October 15, 2021, NSU has disbursed \$1,412,500 in Emergency Grants to 1,053 students. The student portion of NSU's ARP funding has been fully disbursed.