

American Rescue Plan (ARP)

Student Emergency Aid

Important message for students:

Have you (or your family) been financially impacted due to COVID-19?

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) was signed by President Biden on March 11, 2021 with \$39.6 billion being allocated for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). ARP is the third round of funding that was created to help provide direct relief to American families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Within the ARP guidance received from the U.S. Department of Education on May 11, 2021, institutions are required to conduct direct outreach to financial aid applicants about the opportunity to receive a potential financial aid adjustment due to recent unemployment (or loss of wages), as well as, other circumstances due to COVID-19. In essence, families that are affected may be able to receive a financial aid adjustment if you or your family's financial situation has changed significantly from what is reflected on your 2019 Federal Income Tax Return. For the 2021-2022 Academic Year, a student and/or parent(s) would have used their Tax Return from the 2019 year. If the student and/or parent(s) financial situation is currently different than what it was in 2019, they are encouraged to see if this financial change will affect the amount of federal aid that they could qualify for in the 2021-2022 Academic Year.

If you believe that COVID-19 has significantly affected your family financially, please contact the Randall University Financial Aid Office immediately by either meeting in person with a staff member at the John H. West Administration building on campus, emailing financial-aid@ru.edu, or calling the Financial Aid Office at (405) 912-9000.

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