

Tennessee Wesleyan University

Initial Report

to the

Secretary of the Department of Education

This report is required per the Higher Education Emergency Relief Act- Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. The report requires that the University respond to the seven areas noted below. The University's information must appear in a format and location that is easily accessible to the public pursuant to ARP(a)(1) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and must be updated every quarter thereafter.

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, its allocation of CRRSAA Grant to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Tennessee Wesleyan University received the ARP (a)(1) award notification from the Department of Education on May 11, 2021. The University assures the Department of Education that all funds received under ARP (a)(1) of the act will be used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students at Tennessee Wesleyan University.

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Tennessee Wesleyan was awarded a total of \$1,554,240. Of this total amount, \$1,554,240 will be utilized to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under ARP (a)(1) as of the date of submission (i.e., as of no later than 10 days after the calendar quarter).

Tennessee Wesleyan did not grant awards prior to the report submission date.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under ARP (a)(1).

At the report date of June 30, 2021, the University is evaluating who meets eligibility requirements that qualifies these students to receive funds under ARP (a)(1).

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under ARP (a)(1).

At the initial report date of June 30, 2021, the University had not awarded any grants received to students as an Emergency Financial Aid Grant. Student eligibility was still being determined based on the criteria noted below.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under ARP (a)(1).

Tennessee Wesleyan University will use the following methodology to determine student eligibility for Emergency Financial Aid Grants as well as the intended monetary amount to be received under ARP (a)(1).

- The institution will utilize the summer and fall 2021 census file in addition, but not limited to, other available student enrollment and attendance files for students enrolled within the period of the ARP eligibility period.
- The Office of Institutional Effectiveness in conjunction with the Student Financial Services Department will verify eligible students. Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements under this section will be excluded from consideration. Eligibility requirements will include all the items consistent with the guidance, including but not limited to:

- Spring 2021 active enrollment, part-time and/or full-time
  - Degree-seeking student at the post-secondary level
- The University will consider Pell eligible students and other students with tremendous need as priority for grant receipt. The institution will determine, based on the availability of funding, an initial award amount. Students who have larger financial needs will be awarded based on University determination of need.
7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Tennessee Wesleyan University has posted information concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants at <https://www.tnwesleyan.edu/tuition-aid/cares-act.php>. This page will be updated as needed.

An email will be sent to all eligible students concerning their eligibility. The student will be given the option of receiving the funds directly or applying the funds directly to their account balance (if any). Students will be issued checks for the funds awarded to them (or funds due to them that is over and above amount applied to student account balance).