

Tennessee Wesleyan University

March 31, 2022

Quarterly 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 date as of June 30, 2021.

Tennessee Wesleyan began granting awards in August 2021 with \$741,136 awarded through September 30, 2021. This amount was previously reported as \$752,061 and is corrected with this report.

Tennessee Wesleyan issued awards in the period October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, in the amount of \$90,400.

Tennessee Wesleyan issued awards in the period of January 1, 2022, through March 31, 2022, in the amount of \$705,275.

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 dates of September 30, 2021, and December 31, 2021, the University had identified 1,102 fall semester students who met eligibility requirements that qualifies these students to receive funds under ARP (a)(1).

At the report date of March 31, 2022, the University had identified 979 spring semester students who met the 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 report date of June 30, 2021, the University had not awarded any grants received to students as an Emergency Financial Aid Grant.

As of September 30, 2021, the University had awarded Emergency Financial aid grants to 920 fall semester students.

As of December 31, 2021, the University had awarded Emergency Financial aid grants to 1,037 fall semester students. As of March 31, 2022, the University had awarded Emergency Financial aid grants to 929 spring semester students.

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 used 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 utilized summer and fall 2021 census files in addition, but not limited to, other available student enrollment and attendance files for students enrolled within the ARP eligibility period.
- The institution utilized spring 2022 census files in addition, but not limited to, other available student enrollment and attendance files for students enrolled within the ARP eligibility period.
- The Office of Institutional Effectiveness in conjunction with the Student Financial Services Department verified eligible students. Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements under this section were excluded from consideration. Eligibility requirements included all the items consistent with the guidance, including but not limited to:
 - Active current enrollment, part-time and/or full-time
 - Degree-seeking student at the post-secondary level
- The University considered Pell eligible students and other students with tremendous need as priority for grant receipt. A total of 387 students received the first emergency financial aid grant funds in fall 2021. The institution determined, based on the availability of funding, an initial award amount of \$800. Students who have larger financial needs will be

awarded additional funds based on university determination of need.

- The University considered Pell eligible students and other students with tremendous need as priority for grant receipt. A total of 329 students received the first emergency financial aid grant funds in spring 2022. The institution determined, based on the availability of funding, an initial award amount of \$725. Students who have larger financial needs will be awarded additional funds 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. Information concerning the grants was also communicated to students through the University's student app forum.

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