**John Wood Community College**

**American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 on March 11, 2021**

**This check is to assist with COVID related impacts while attending college courses.**

**You do not have to pay back funds and it is not reported on taxes.**

**Please Deposit or Cash Check Immediately**

**(Checks not cashed by MAY 23, 2022, will be voided**

**and funds will be redistributed to other students in need!)**

**If you want to decline a check, please contact 217.641.4202!**

**U.S. Department of the Treasury**

**COVID Relief Appropriations – Student Portion**

On March 13, 2020, the United States declared a nationwide emergency concerning COVID-19. Since that date, there have been legislative bills passed to provide relief. Included in the bills are educational resources provided for direct student assistance.

JWCC received the following:

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| **Fund Source** | **Awarded** | **Disbursed** | **Remaining** | **# of Students** |
| **CARES \*** | **$ 622,896** | **$ 622,896** | **0** | **1542** |
| **CRRSAA \*\*** | **$ 622,896** | **$ 619,610** | **$ 3,286** | **1713** |
| **ARPA \*\*\*** | **$ 2,476,850** | **$1,761,200** | **$ 715,650** | **2288** |
| **Total** | **$ 3,722,642** | **$3,003,706** | **$ 718,936** |  |

**Data as of 3/15/22**

The awarding criteria for each funding source has slightly changed for each grouping. The current group qualifying for ARPA funds is students enrolled spring 2022 including credit, non-credit, and community education, with awarding based on student need first.

JWCC disbursements consider a student’s need and enrollment status. Student need is determined through FAFSA information. Amounts of disbursement are determined on need, enrollment status of the student at time of awarding, as well as the amount of funds available. If you have withdrawn from classes, you are not eligible for a check. (Census date for engagement determined April 25, 2022.)

The college plans to do a spring 2022 disbursement (last week in April 2022). Award amounts will vary based on remaining funds at the time of disbursement. A student’s 2021-2022 FAFSA application results will be considered when determining need. A student may still receive a disbursement even without a FAFSA on file. For non-credit courses where a third-party has made payment of tuition/fee amounts, students will not receive a disbursement.

**\*Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (2020)**

**\*\*Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) (2021) (HEERF II)**

**\*\*\*American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Act (2021)**

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**Please keep in mind if you have filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and your income has changed since filing, you may request a review of special circumstance concerning income resources to pay for college expenses. Please contact the Financial Aid Office to discuss options at** [**financialaid@jwcc.edu**](mailto:financialaid@jwcc.edu)**.**

**Q & A Section**

**Does the money need to be repaid?**

No, the money received through the ARPA Grant fund does not need to be repaid. If you are not attending classes, you should return the check and notify the school you are no longer engaged in classes. Please see the Advising and Retention or Records and Registrar Offices. Please email questions to financialaid@jwcc.edu.

**Would this funding reduce my financial aid?**

No, the ARPA Grant funding does not impact your eligibility for other financial aid, and it is a one-time grant for the semester.

**What kinds of expenses are covered by this grant?**

Funds from ARPA grant may be used for expenses related to a student’s cost of attendance or the emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare.

**Do high school students receive funds?**

Yes, high school students when taking college level courses also have expenses such as tuition, books, etc., to continue their education.

If you have questions or concerns about the CRRSAA or ARPA awards, please contact the email below. For additional information visit <https://www.jwcc.edu/financial-aid/>

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