

As you may have read, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, which was signed into law on March 11, 2021. This bill is to provide additional assistance to those impacted adversely by the ongoing COVID-19 emergency. This bill includes dollars to help college and university students whose learning continues to experience disruption due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The role of Aurora University is to distribute emergency cash grants to students according to the terms set forth by the federal Department of Education.

**Aurora University is pleased to announce that it received sufficient funding to provide all students enrolled during the 2021 Summer and/or 2021 Fall academic terms with an emergency aid award.**

These grant dollars are awarded to you for the purpose of providing emergency aid, which may be used to pay for your tuition or any other component of your cost of attendance such as housing, dining, or textbooks. You may also use these dollars for emergency costs that arose due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care.

**You do not need to complete an application or have a current FAFSA on file to receive an emergency aid award.**

**You do not need to account for how you spend these dollars.**

**You do not need to repay these dollars.**

The funds will be awarded as follows:

#### Undergraduate students

- Students enrolled during the 2021 Summer and/or Fall semesters for 12 or more **undergraduate** credit hours will receive \$1,000.
- Students enrolled during the 2021 Summer and/or Fall semesters for fewer than 12 **undergraduate** credit hours will receive \$500.

#### Graduate students

- Students enrolled during the 2021 Summer and/or Fall semesters for 9 or more **graduate** credit hours will receive \$1,000.
- Students enrolled during the 2021 Summer and/or Fall semesters for fewer than 9 **graduate** credit hours will receive \$500.

**Distributions will be paid on August 6** by check unless you sign up for electronic deposit refunds through the Online Student Account eBill Portal by 30 July. Direct deposit is the best way to ensure your award reaches you as quickly as possible. Please review your address of record by 30 July to ensure your information is current. If you have any questions concerning your award delivery method, please contact Student Accounts at [student.accts@aurora.edu](mailto:student.accts@aurora.edu) or 630-844-5470.

There will be a second distribution the first week of October for those students who may qualify later for a higher award amount, such as increasing from part-time to full-time enrollment.

Please continue to monitor your student email or the university website for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon W. Maxwell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Sharon W. Maxwell  
Vice President for Finance