


# ARPA: Technology Grant Distribution

## Administrative Procedure FINAID-4

### Student Technology Grant

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The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) provides, in part, for grant funds to be distributed to institutions of higher education, including Marshall University using a formula based on student enrollment. The purpose of this Administrative Procedure is to provide the method by which technology grant funds will be distributed to qualifying students.	
Responsible Unit: <i>Financial Aid</i>	
Approved by: 	Approval Date: <i>9-3-21</i>

#### I. PURPOSE

- A. Pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), in part, Marshall University must allocate funding to provide students with emergency financial aid grants to assist students with the greatest amount of need as instructed by the Department of Education.
- B. Marshall University's goal is to provide a fair and equitable method to providing technology grants for all Eligible students.
- C. Awards provided by this Administrative Procedure will go directly to Eligible Students and will not pay any obligations owed by the student to Marshall University.
- D. Awards will be limited to available funds designated for technology grants. Nothing herein, is intended to guarantee any funds to Eligible Students.
- E. Marshall University, in keeping with a spirit of fairness and equity, will focus efforts of relief to students who have not previously been considered eligible recipients based on Federal rules
- F. Awards will be disbursed until the ARPA funds designated for technology grants are exhausted.

## **II. DEFINITIONS**

**A. Award/Technology Grant** –Eligible Students who qualify will receive a predetermined award in the amount of \$1,200.

**B. Eligible Student:**

- i. Any full-time (registered for 12 credit hours minimum for the Fall 2021 academic term) freshman student enrolled at Marshall University who has not previously enrolled with Marshall or any other Higher Education institution prior to the Fall 2021 academic term. Provided that, credit for college courses taken while enrolled in High School will not impact eligibility for this grant; and
- ii. Students who enroll but have not filed a 21-22 FAFSA will also be eligible for this award.

## **III. PROCEDURE**

- A. A spreadsheet will be developed by the University's Financial Aid Office in collaboration with the Office of Institutional Research to identify Eligible Students as defined herein;
- B. The spreadsheet will be provided to the Bursar's Office detailing each Eligible Student; and will contain the Eligible Student's Marshall University Identification Number (MUID); and other pertinent information used to identify the Eligible Student.
- C. Students who have enrolled but have not filed a FAFSA will be awarded the same amount and will be included on the listing.
- D. The award amount was determined by the University to effectively represents an amount to offset costs associated with necessary technology needs to first-time full-time freshmen who were not eligible to receive HEERF funding from previous acts.

## **IV. APPEAL**

- A. Any student may appeal their eligibility for the technology grant.
- B. Appeals regarding eligibility must be made within 10 days of when the student learns they are ineligible for the grant.
- C. The decision of the Financial Aid Director or his/her designee shall be final.