

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – STUDENT AID PORTION

- President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 on March 11, 2021. The Student Aid Portion awarded to Athens State University totaled \$2,258,240. No funds have been expended as of June 30, 2021.

- Emergency Financial Aid Grants were issued on July 21, 2021 to 1,791 students in the amount of \$699,681. Athens State University prioritized students with exceptional need in awarding financial aid grants as required.
 - Athens State University prioritized students with the greatest need in the Emergency Financial Aid grants. Each eligible student received \$400, \$200, \$350, \$300, \$150 and \$100 based upon the student's Pell Grant category and Expected Family Contribution data, derived from the student's FAFSA. Students also received a grant of \$33.50 per semester credit hour.

 - Emergency Financial Aid grants were also distributed to students who did not complete a FAFSA since the American Rescue Plan clearly states that a completed FAFSA is not a requirement for student eligibility.

- Emergency Financial Aid Grants were issued on November 8, 2021 to 2,742 students in the amount of \$555,545. Athens State University continues to prioritize students with exceptional need in awarding financial aid grants as required.
 - Athens State University prioritized students with the greatest need in the Emergency Financial Aid grants. Each eligible student received \$250, \$150, \$200, \$100, \$175 and \$75 based upon the student's Pell Grant category and Expected Family Contribution data, derived from the student's FAFSA. Students also received a grant of \$10.00 per semester credit hour.

 - Additional Emergency Aid Grants in the amount of \$67,750 were distributed to 89 students based on student identified need.

- Emergency Financial Aid Grants were issued on February 16, 2022 to 2,711 students in the amount of \$900,926. Athens State University continues to prioritize students with exceptional need in awarding financial aid grants as required.
 - Athens State University prioritized students with the greatest need in the Emergency Financial Aid grants. Each eligible student received \$400, \$200, \$250, \$150, \$175 and \$100 based upon the student's Pell Grant category and Expected Family Contribution data, derived from the student's FAFSA. Students also received a grant of \$21.00 per semester credit hour.

- Additional Emergency Aid Grants in the amount of \$38,500 were distributed to 77 students based on student identified need.
- The Student Aid portion has been fully expended as of March 31, 2022.
- As of September 30, 2022, \$10,751.50 was returned due to student refund pull backs. Of this amount, Emergency Aid Grants in the amount \$6,000 was distributed to students based on student identified need.
- No additional funds were distributed as of December 31, 2022.