

Dear Students,

As is always the case, I pray this email finds you and your family well.

The recently enacted American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) provides a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) designated to assist institutions of higher education and their students. Toward this end, I am pleased to inform you that The University of Scranton has created the American Rescue Plan Emergency Grant to make funds available to qualified students.

**If you would like to apply for a portion of the emergency funds to address exceptional needs, you will need to complete a simple online application available in the Student Tab of [my.scranton](#).** Beyond Pell eligibility, other types of exceptional need could include students who may be eligible for other federal or state need-based aid or have faced significant unexpected expenses, such as the loss of employment (either for themselves or their families), reduced income, or food or housing insecurity. The Rescue Plan requires schools to document and report justification for all grant expenditures.

**The application will be available until 4:30 pm on Sunday, September 26, 2021.**

Applications will be reviewed beginning in mid-September. We anticipate that requests for support will exceed available funds. Should this be the case, we will limit awards as equitably as possible and concentrate on funding the most urgent student needs. Further, when necessary, consideration will be given based on students' federal Expected Family Contributions (EFCs) calculated from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Dependent students whose families have experienced reductions of income for 2021 as compared to 2019 tax year, may also be able to file a Special Condition form. Students who have not already done so, should complete a [Parent\(s\) Special Conditions Form for 2021-2022](#). Also, a completed 2021-22 FAFSA must be on file prior to any review of a Special Condition Form. If you have not yet filed your 2021-22 FAFSA, kindly do so at [studentaid.gov](#).

If you have any questions about applying for these funds, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 570 941-7701 or [finaid@scranton.edu](mailto:finaid@scranton.edu).

Once again, I hope that you and your family are well during this difficult time. Please know that I continue to pray for you every day.

Yours faithfully,

Rev. Joseph G. Marina, S.J.

President