

American Association for Respiratory Care Policy Statement

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Policy No.:BOD.024

SECTION: Board of Directors
SUBJECT: **AARC Disaster Relief Fund**

EFFECTIVE DATE:

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REFERENCES:

Policy Statement: The AARC President may activate the Disaster Relief Fund for AARC Members upon the declaration of a federal or state-declared disaster.

Policy Amplification:

1. The AARC Executive Office will communicate to the AARC President and request activation of the fund.
2. After the President's notice of activation, the Executive Office will post a story on the AARC website and current member communication sources that provides a link to the online application and additional information on the AARC website.
3. The Application review process will be conducted as follows:
 - a. Active, Life, Honorary and paid student members in good standing (members with continuous membership at least 6 months) with the AARC prior to the onset of the disaster are eligible for the grant.
 - b. The member must complete an online application for assistance and submit it to the Executive Office. Proof of damage/loss is required at the time the application is submitted.
 - c. Upon receipt, the AARC Executive Office will verify membership status.
 - d. Grants of up to \$500 for Active, Life, Honorary Members, and \$250 paid student members of the AARC will be sent once all criteria has been verified.

4. Determination of level of grant support will be based upon the following criteria of continuous AARC membership. *Paid student members are eligible for grants up to \$250 as long as they are currently enrolled in a program

Years of Service	Paid Member/Life Member	Student Member
6 months – 1 Year	\$50	\$25
1 Year – 2 Year	\$100	\$50
2 Years – 3 Years	\$200	\$100
3 Years – 4 Years	\$300	\$150
4 Years – 5 Years	\$400	\$200
5 Years or more	\$500	\$250

5. Recipients will also receive an additional year of membership at no cost.

DEFINITIONS:

ATTACHMENTS: