



## Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations – HEERF II (CRRSAA)

### Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting

#### Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

#### Quarterly REPORT

January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021

Prepared July 7, 2021

1. Eastern Nazarene College signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the HEERF Certification and Agreement. The institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA program to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.
2. The total amount of funds ENC has received for emergency grants to students is \$380,707.
3. The total amount distributed to students as of the date of this quarterly report is \$296,250.
4. The total number of students enrolled at ENC in the spring semester 2021 that are eligible to receive emergency financial aid grants to students under the CRRSAA is 669.
5. The total number of students who have received an emergency financial aid grant as of the date of this report is 395.
6. The method used by ENC for determining which students receive emergency financial aid grants and how much they receive is as follows:

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) was signed into law on December 27, 2020 and provided assistance to students and institutions of higher education.

Eastern Nazarene College received an allocation of \$1,225,868 through the CRRSAA of which at least \$380,707 of the allocation must be awarded in financial aid grants to students. The financial aid grants may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health) and child care.

The CRRSAA requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional financial need, such as students who receive Pell Grants, in awarding grants to students. However, students do not need to be only Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell grants.

Institutions may not condition the receipt of financial aid grants to students on continued or future enrollment in the institution, use the financial aid grants to satisfy a student's outstanding account balance (unless it has obtained the student's affirmative consent), or require such consent as a condition of receipt or eligibility for the financial aid grant.

#### **How will award eligibility be determined?**

1. To ensure priority to students who demonstrate exceptional financial need, ENC will award a block grant to traditional undergrads and AGS students who are enrolled in the spring '21 semester, filed a FAFSA, and have a calculated unmet financial need greater than \$750. Since students must demonstrate exceptional need, the only reasonable way to document this is through completion of the FAFSA.
2. In addition, all students who meet the CRRSAA qualifications will be eligible to apply for emergency relief funding through an application process.

#### **How will the award amounts be calculated?**

1. Students who qualify for the block grant will be awarded \$750. Unmet need will be calculated by taking the student's total cost of attendance minus Expected Family Contribution (EFC) minus total grants and scholarships. It is estimated that this will assist approximately 400 students with total awards of approximately \$300,000.
2. For students who are approved for emergency relief funding based on their application, the awards will vary depending on financial need. The total award will not exceed the maximum Federal Pell Grant. This is estimated to provide approximately \$80,707 in emergency grants for costs such as tuition, food, housing, health care, and child care through this appeal process.

#### **How will the funds be disbursed to students?**

Students who have been selected for CRRSAA grants will be notified via email of the amount of their award. This notification will ask the student to respond with how they would like the award to be disbursed. Students will be given an option to either have it applied toward their student account or to have a refund check issued directly to the student. If a student does not respond with their written authorization within 30 days, the college will automatically issue a refund check. The disbursement of the CRRSAA Grant to the student will remain unencumbered by the institution; debts, charges, fees, or other amounts owed to the institution will not be deducted from the emergency financial aid grant.

ENC will award all CRRSAA funds within one year and will abide by all federal reporting requirements.

7. ENC provided the following instructions, directions, and guidance to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants:

**a. This email was sent to all students who were selected to receive the initial block grants:**

Subject: Federal Stimulus Funding Available to You

Dear ENC Student:

Eastern Nazarene College has received funding from the 2nd Coronavirus stimulus package- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)- to assist students who have exceptional financial needs with expenses related to cost of attendance such as tuition, food, housing, health care, and child care.

Based on your FAFSA and demonstrated unmet financial need, we are happy to let you know that **you have been selected to receive a \$750 CRRSAA award for the spring '21 semester**

Please click [HERE](#) to notify SFS how you would like the CRRSAA award to be disbursed.

If you have any questions, please contact Student Financial Services at [sfs@enc.edu](mailto:sfs@enc.edu)

Sincerely,

The Office of Student Financial Services

**b. This email was sent to students who filed a FAFSA and had outstanding student account balances:**

Subject: Stimulus funds (CRRSAA) available to assist with tuition and other educational expenses

As a student who currently owes a balance on your student account for the spring '21 semester, we wanted to inform you of a recent emergency grant that is available to assist.

With funding provided by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), ENC has established a Student Emergency Relief Fund to assist students with urgent financial needs as they relate to the novel coronavirus. The intent of the CRRSAA funding is to assist students with educational costs due to coronavirus such as tuition, food, housing, health care, and child care. The funds are limited and are not intended to provide ongoing relief.

If you have had difficulties paying your student account balance due to circumstances related to the coronavirus, we specifically encourage you to apply. You may check your student account balance on your ENC student portal. Submitting an application does not guarantee that funding will be approved. Application available – [ENC CRRSAA Emergency Relief Fund Application](#)

Sincerely,

The Office of Student Financial Services

**c. CRRSAA emergency relief grant application announcement for press release, website, and Campus Chronicle:**

Eastern Nazarene College has recently received funding under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). With a portion of the funds, ENC has established a CRRSAA Student Emergency Relief Fund to assist students with urgent financial needs as they relate to the novel coronavirus. The intent of the CRRSAA funding is to assist students with costs due to coronavirus such as tuition, food, housing, health care, and child care. The funds are limited and are not intended to provide ongoing relief.

Since awards are federally funded and intended for students with demonstrated exceptional financial need, applicants are required to have submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to qualify for an emergency relief grant. International students are ineligible to apply for CRRSAA funds.

Students who have additional costs that have arisen due to coronavirus or need assistance with their cost of attendance are encouraged to apply. Application available – [ENC CRRSAA Emergency Relief Fund Application](#)