

CRRSAA – Student Aid Report – Quarter ending March 31, 2021

On December 27, 2020 the University was given additional funds as part of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). Under the CRRSAA, the school must use \$1,808,068 of the funding to make grants to students (including students exclusively enrolled in distance education) for either any component of the student's cost of attendance (COA) or emergency costs that arise due to Coronavirus, such as but not limited to tuition, food, housing, health care, mental health care, or child care.

- 1.) Congress has directed that these funds be given to students with exceptional financial need, such as those eligible to receive a federal Pell Grant. Unfortunately, the US Department of Education does not currently allow these funds to be used for international students, undocumented students, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients, or non-matriculated students. As a result of this guidance, Lehigh will be awarding HEERF II Grants from CRRSAA to the following groups of students, and under the following conditions:
  - a. Group 1: Undergraduate students who are enrolled at least half-time in a qualifying degree program for the Spring 2021 semester, have an official 2020-21 FAFSA on file (to confirm that they meet the citizenship requirements), and have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the FAFSA less than 5847. These students will be awarded a \$1,000 grant.
  - b. Group 2: Undergraduate students who are enrolled at least half-time in a qualifying degree program for the Spring 2021 semester, have an official 2020-21 FAFSA on file (to confirm that they meet the citizenship requirements), and have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the CSS Profile that is less than the cost of attendance. These students will be awarded a \$500 grant.
  - c. Group 3: Graduate students who are enrolled at least half-time in a qualifying degree program for the Spring 2021 semester, have an official 2020-21 FAFSA on file (to confirm that they meet the citizenship requirements), and have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the FAFSA that is less than their total cost of attendance may submit a request for funding if they have education-related expenses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, undergraduate students who meet the criteria in Groups 1 and 2 that have special circumstances that warrant funding above the current allocated amount may submit a request for additional funding.
- 2.) Students were notified of their eligibility for these funds on March 12, 2021.
  - a. *On December 27, 2020 the University was approved to receive funds as part of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). Congress has directed that a portion of these funds be given to students with exceptional financial need. Please take a moment to review the FAQ about this information located on our website.*

*We have reviewed your financial aid application and determined that you are eligible to receive a grant in the amount of \$XXX as a result of this funding.*

*These funds will be given to you in the form of a check. You indicated on the mandatory declaration form that you are living at home with family so the check will be sent to your home address (as listed in Banner). This check will be processed and put in the mail by March 19. Please give proper time for the check to arrive to you at your home address.*

*If you need to change the mailing address for this check, please email me at [jlm207@lehigh.edu](mailto:jlm207@lehigh.edu) with your updated information by the end of the day on Sunday, March 14.*

*The funds are not considered part of your financial aid package and can be used however you see fit, but are intended to cover unexpected expenses or expenses related to the disruption of campus operations resulting from the coronavirus. You will not be asked to submit receipts or provide documentation on how these funds were spent. If you currently have a balance on your bursar account, we strongly encourage you to use these funds to cover that balance. Unsatisfied balances can result in holds, prohibiting you from accessing your academic transcript and registering for courses, among other consequences. Therefore, it is in your best interest to apply this funding to your Bursar account. You can request that these funds be applied directly to your Bursar account here: [CRRSAA Funding Form](#). Please note that if you want your funds to be applied to your Bursar account, you will need to submit the request via the link provide by the end of the day on Sunday, March 14.*

- 3.) The following funds were distributed:
  - a. On March 17, we distributed \$1,471,500 in CRRSAA Funds to 2,051 students. In addition, 32 students requested that \$25,500 be distributed to their Bursar account.