

# **CRRSAA Higher Education Emergency Grant**

## **What is the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)?**

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II provides emergency funding to colleges to assist students in need during the coronavirus pandemic. The emergency fund grants were formerly known as the CARES Act.

## **What is a CRRSAA Emergency Fund Grant?**

The CRRSAA Emergency Fund Grant is to assist eligible undergraduate, degree-seeking students with expenses such as tuition, fees, food, housing, course materials, textbooks, health care, or childcare. The funds are a grant, not a loan, and do not need to be paid back.

## **Am I eligible for a CRRSAA Emergency Fund Grant?**

To be eligible for a Spring 2021 CRRSAA Emergency Fund Grant, you must be:

- Enrolled full-time or half-time on-campus in spring 2021 courses as of March 11, 2021
- Seeking an undergraduate degree from NEC
- Eligible for Federal Title IV financial aid, having completed the 2020-2021 FAFSA as well as any verification requirements
- Meeting satisfactory academic progress requirements

## **How will I receive my CRRSAA Emergency Fund Grant?**

Grants will be automatically issued to eligible students according to the refund method a student chooses in their MYNEC portal. Students are notified of their eligibility by email. Students may choose from direct deposit, mailed check, or reloadable card. If no choice is selected, a check will be mailed to the student's mailing address that is listed in their MYNEC portal.

## **When will I receive my CRRSAA Emergency Fund Grant?**

Spring term 2021 grants will be available in March 2021.

## **How much will my CRRSAA Emergency Fund Grant be?**

The Grant amounts range from \$200-\$1,200. Individual amounts vary based on financial need as determined by the FAFSA, with preference given to Pell grant recipients.

## **Since I received a grant refund, is my account balance paid off?**

Students with an account balance due should complete the [account authorization form](#) to indicate their preference to apply the grant to their account or to receive it directly. If receiving a grant directly, students remain responsible to pay off their account balances timely.

**What can I use my CRRSAA Emergency Fund Grant for?**

Emergency Grants are to assist students facing unexpected expenses due to the pandemic. Funds may be used towards expenses such as tuition, fees, food, housing, course supplies, textbooks, health care or childcare.