

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Report

Final Report - June 29, 2021

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress passed the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), and it was subsequently signed by the President of the United States. Colleges and universities which received emergency grants from this legislation are required to periodically report on the items listed below in bold print. Faulkner University's responses are listed immediately below each requirement.

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA program to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Under the terms of the Supplemental Grant Funds for Students Agreement, Faulkner University agreed to be bound by the conditions set forth in that agreement by drawing down the grant funds. The University had previously signed and submitted the Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement under HEERF I for both the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, as well as the Institutional Portion of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Formula Grants Authorized by Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. The certification and agreement for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students and the Institutional Portion for the CARES Act were signed and submitted to the Department of Education, via grants.gov, on April 21, 2020 and April 22, 2020, respectively.

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under CRRSAA.

The Student Aid portion allocated to Faulkner University under section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA was \$1,211,489.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA program as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

Faulkner University has disbursed \$1,214,050 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under CRRSAA.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSAA program.

Faulkner University estimates that 2,785 students at the institution were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the CRRSAA program.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under CRRSAA.

A total of 1,407 students have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants under CRRSAA at Faulkner University..

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under CRRSAA.

To satisfy requirements for an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the CRRSAA program at Faulkner University, a student is required, at minimum, to meet the following criteria:

- Must have been enrolled in the Spring 2021 semester for at least one class as of March 15, 2021
- Students who withdrew from all classes not included
- Must have a 2020-2021 FAFSA on file in the Financial Aid Office with an EFC of 5711 or lower
- Must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress (used prior to guidance issued on May 11, 2021)
- Must not be in default on student loans

A final total of 1,407 students were determined to have met the requirements to receive a grant. Once the list of eligible students was completed, a matrix was designed to determine the dollar amount an eligible student would receive. The student's EFC was used, along with enrollment status (full time, three quarter time, half time, or less than half time), to determine the grant amount for each student. The higher the need, based on EFC, the greater the award. Grants ranged from \$1,000 for students enrolled full time with the highest need down to \$100 for students enrolled less than half time with the lowest need. The matrix utilized is provided below.

EFC Range		Full Time	Three Quarter Time	Half Time	Less Than Half Time
0	1500	1,000	750	500	250
1501	3000	900	650	400	200
3001	4500	800	550	300	150
4501	5711	700	450	200	100

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

Students who met the established criteria to receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the CRRSAA received the following email March 16-17, with a click-through link to a survey. Those who had not responded to the survey as of March 19, received the email and survey a second time asking them to complete it.

Subject: CRRSAA Emergency Grants

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress recently passed the Coronavirus Response and Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). Certain funds are being distributed to colleges and universities to be awarded as emergency grants to eligible students. Based on current guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, students with the greatest need are to be prioritized with these awards. Our records indicate you have met the requirements to receive an emergency financial aid grant from these funds.

Please note that different colleges and universities received varying amounts of money to be used as grants and to be distributed in accordance with their discretion. This means you may receive a grant which is greater or lesser than your fellow Faulkner students, and you may receive a greater or lesser award than students at other colleges and universities.

One change from the emergency financial aid grant which some students received last year is that CRRSAA gives a student the option to apply this emergency financial aid grant to your Student

Accounts Balance. Please complete a very brief survey **by March 22** telling us how to process your grant by [clicking here](#). Anyone eligible who does not respond by the above date will receive their funds by direct deposit or check, as determined by the Student Accounts Office.

It is our intent to begin distributing funds immediately after the March 22 deadline has passed. Students are encouraged to refrain from contacting our offices regarding these funds as it will potentially cause delays in their distribution. Thank you for your prompt reply and consideration in this matter.

(When they click and go to the survey, the text below would appear.)

To help us get the student emergency financial aid grant allocated to you as quickly as possible, we are asking that you complete the following survey indicating how you would like to receive the funds. Please complete by March 22, 2021.

Please apply any funds, for which I am eligible, to any outstanding tuition, fees, housing, meal plan, or related charges on my Student Account.

Check (please make sure your mailing address is current with the Student Accounts Office)

Direct Deposit