

Minot State University CRRSAA and ARP: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II & III (HEERF II & HEERF III) Distribution Report-September 30, 2021

The MSU CRRSAA HEERF II Distribution Report was first published July 8, 2021. MSU exhausted all funds received under HEERF II by June 30, 2021. Last updated: October 8, 2021.

1. MSU signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants for Students. MSU intends to use the funds designated under Section 314 (a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and American Recovery Plan Act (ARP) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. MSU received \$637,891 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSAA and \$2,455,111 under the ARP for a total of \$3,093,002.
3. During the third quarter ending September 30, 2021, MSU distributed \$1,132,100 in Emergency Grants to students under the ARP. No funds were distributed under CRRSAA during this period because the funds were completely distributed by the end of the second quarter of 2021.
4. MSU determined that approximately 1065 students at the institution were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 314 (a)(1) of the CRRSAA and approximately 2320 students at the institution were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the ARP.
5. During the third quarter ending September 30, 2021, the total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 314(a)(1) of the ARP is 1095. No students received funds under CRRSAA during this period because the funds were completely distributed by the end of the second quarter of 2021.
6. ARP: To determine which students were eligible for funds under ARP, MSU identified students who completed the 2021-22 FAFSA resulting in an EFC of 22000 or less, were enrolled in a degree program, and who were enrolled at least half-time in fall 2021. Those 1095 students received an email (see below) alerting them of their eligibility for the ARP (HEERF III) grants. A funding grid based on FAFSA EFC was established to disburse ARP Grants to students who submitted the form. Students with a 2021-22 FAFSA EFC of 0-6300 received \$1200, EFC of 6301-10500 received \$900, 10501 to 22000 received \$700. An Emergency Grant application will be made available to students who are enrolled at least half-time in a degree program.

CRRSAA: To determine which students were eligible for funds under CRRSAA, MSU identified students who completed the 2020-21 FAFSA resulting in an EFC of 22000 or less, were enrolled in a degree program, and who were enrolled at least half-time in spring 2021. Those 1065 students received an email (see below) alerting them of their eligibility for the CRRSAA (HEERF II) grants with a link to the online form that we asked them to submit. A funding grid based on FAFSA EFC was established to disburse CRRSAA Grants to students who submitted the form. Students with a 2020-21 FAFSA EFC of 0-6300 received \$840 if full-time or \$440 if half to three-quarter time, EFC of 6301-10500 received \$640 if full-time or \$340 if half to three-quarter time, EFC of 10501 to 22000 received \$440 if full time or \$240 if half to three-quarter time. On June 29, 2021, 18 of the CRRSAA recipients who were enrolled for summer with unpaid balances and EFCs of 0-6300 received an additional \$249 or \$250 disbursement.

7. **ARP:** Eligible students were emailed and advised of their eligibility for an ARP HEERF III Block Grant on September 28, 2021. MSU also posted a notice at https://www.minotstateu.edu/finaid/pages/ARP_HEERFIII.shtml about the availability of the ARP funding.

Email sent to eligible MSU Students:
Hello from the MSU Financial Aid Office!

Federal grant funding is available to assist students during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Minot State University has received funding through the **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III)** authorized by the **American Recovery Plan (ARP)** to provide one-time grants to students for emergency relief. (In 2020, similar funding was known as the CARES Act and earlier this year (2021) funds were available through the CRRSA Act.)

You were determined to be eligible for an MSU Federal ARP Block Grant for fall 2021 based on these criteria:

- Be a US Citizen or Eligible Noncitizen (Permanent Resident)
- Have completed the 2021-22 FAFSA and have an EFC of 22000 or less
- Be enrolled in a degree program at least half-time

Federal ARP Block Grant availability:

- Amounts will range from approximately **\$700 to \$1200** depending on FAFSA results
- Recipients will be able to view their grant funds in Campus Connection under the Financial Aid tile for 2021-22 beginning September 30
- You may choose to have the grant applied to outstanding charges on your fall student account by completing this short form or you can enroll in **Direct Deposit** to receive excess aid, [Direct Deposit Instructions](#)
- **Grants will be disbursed beginning on September 30.** Grants issued by check will be mailed to on-campus or HOME addresses beginning on September 30. Grants issued by Direct Deposit may take up to three business days after September 30 to appear in your account.

ACTION REQUIRED BY THE END OF THE DAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2021:

- No Application is required---you will receive the grant based on the criteria listed above.
- Consider opting-in to have the funds apply to your student account by completing [this short form](#). (Not required)
- Enroll in Direct Deposit in Campus Connection if you are not already enrolled: [Direct Deposit Instructions](#)
- Review and update your HOME address in Campus Connection to ensure that your check (if not enrolled in Direct Deposit) or Direct Deposit notification will be mailed to the correct address.
- Cash or deposit your check within 4 weeks of the date issued.

We hope this assistance will allow you to continue your academic pursuits and help with any coronavirus pandemic related financial needs you might have including tuition/fees, housing, food, health care (including mental health care), childcare, transportation, and other related expenses.

For more information, please visit: [Federal American Recovery Plan HEERF III website](#).
Contact the Financial Aid Office if you have any questions at 701-858-3375 or financialaid@minotstateu.edu.

CRRSAA: Eligible students were emailed and directed to fill out a simple online form to confirm their request for the CRRSAA HEERF II Grant on March 23, 2021. A follow-up email was sent to non-responders on March 24, 25 and 29, 2021. MSU also posted a notice at www.minotstateu.edu/finaid/pages/CRRSAA_HEERFII.shtml about the availability of the CRRSAA funding and a link to the application. Students who responded were issued a payment through the MSU Business office.

Email sent to eligible MSU Students:
Hello from the MSU Financial Aid Office!

Federal grant funding is available to assist students during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Minot State University has received funding through the **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II)** authorized by the **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)** to provide one-time grants to students for emergency relief. (In 2020, similar funding was known as the CARES Act).

To be eligible you must:

- Complete the quick [Federal CRRSAA HEERF II Grant Application](#) – **deadline to complete is March 29**

You were determined to be eligible for an MSU Federal CRRSAA HEERF II Grant for spring 2021 based on these criteria:

- Be a US Citizen or Eligible Noncitizen (Permanent Resident)
- Have completed the 2020-21 FAFSA and have a EFC of 22000 or less
- Be enrolled in a degree program at least half-time

Federal CRRSAA HEERF II Grant availability:

- Amounts will range from approximately **\$200 to \$800** depending on FAFSA results
- Recipients will be able to view their grant funds in Campus Connection under the Financial Aid tile for 2020-21
- You may choose to have the grant applied to outstanding charges on your student account or enroll in **Direct Deposit** to receive excess aid, [Direct Deposit Instructions](#)
- **Grants will be disbursed beginning on March 31.** Grants issued by check will be mailed beginning on March 31. Grants issued by Direct Deposit may take up to three business days after March 31 to appear in your account.

We hope this assistance will allow you to continue your academic pursuits, enroll in summer or fall semester classes and help with any financial needs you might have.

For more information, please visit: [Federal CRRSAA HEERF II Grant website](#)
Contact the Financial Aid Office if you have any questions at 701-858-3375 or financialaid@minotstateu.edu.