

CRRSAA/Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF II)

The **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II)** is authorized by the **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA)**, signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020. This fund allows SUNY Cortland to provide emergency grants to students for expenses related to any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus.

SUNY Cortland acknowledges the institution has used, or intends to use funds received under section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSSA Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

SUNY Cortland has received or will receive **\$3,122,569 of HEERF II funds for student aid** from the Department of Education pursuant to the Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

SUNY Cortland has distributed **\$3,114,438 of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students** under 314(a)(1) of the CRRSSA Act as of **June 30, 2021**.

SUNY Cortland has determined **an estimated 2,000 number of students** at the institution are eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under section 314 (a)(1) of the CRRSSA Act

Reporting:

1st quarter: 0 students received HEERF II Emergency Financial Aid Grants under section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSSA Act as of **March 31, 2021**

2nd quarter: 1949 students received HEERF II Emergency Financial Aid Grants under section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSSA Act totaling **\$3,114,438** as of **June 30, 2021**.

Awarding Methodology:

SUNY Cortland has prioritized awarding of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Pell eligible recipients starting with students at the lowest Expected Family Contributions (EFCs).

In order to be eligible at the time of distribution, a student must have been enrolled in credit bearing courses at census for the spring 2021 term, filed a 2020-2021 Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA), and had a valid EFC ranging from 0 - 5,711

HEERF II funding was credited directly to students without requiring an application.

The Base Grant for eligible full-time students is **\$888** and the Base Grant for eligible part-time students is **\$444**. The final grant award amounts were determined as follows using a template provided by the State University of New York (SUNY) that takes into consideration a student's status as full or part-time and their EFC range.

Student Award Chart				
Award Amount Per EFC Range and FT/PT Status				
Percentage	100%	75%	50%	25%
EFC Range	0 - 1,500	1,501 – 2,900	2,901 4,300	4,301 -5,711
Full-Time Student Awards	\$1,776.00	\$1,554.00	\$1,332.00	\$1,110.00
Part-Time Student Awards	\$1,332.00	\$1,110.00	\$888.00	\$666.00

*Remaining discretionary funding was awarded to students enrolled at SUNY Cortland for summer session 2021 who received a Pell grant payment for the term and who did not previously receive emergency grant funding. Students meeting criteria received a grant of **\$508**.

The following communication was sent to all students who received funding:

Dear Student,

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, funds have been made available through the CRRSAA Act to award emergency grants to students for expenses related to any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus. Eligible expenses include tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or childcare. The Campus has deemed you eligible to receive an emergency grant in the amount of \$(actual amount inserted here). This is not a loan and will not need to be paid back and will not affect your financial aid award amounts for academic year 2021-2022. Students must understand it is their responsibility to notify the Financial Aid Office immediately if they will not incur expenses that meet or exceed the amount of their emergency grant.

There is still time to submit your direct deposit information. Please log into myRedDragon and access the link on the student tab in the Student Accounts channel.

SUNY Cortland

*Updated 9/2/2021