

# Student Share Report as of 6/30/2021

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## Distribution

In the quarter ending on June 30, 2021, St. Cloud State University distributed \$4,090,925 of CRRSAA and American Rescue Plan (ARP) student share funding to 4,093 students through direct Emergency Financial Aid grants to students.

Since the original distribution of relief funding through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF), St. Cloud State University has awarded Emergency Financial Aid Grants totaling \$8,001,807 to 8,465 students.

## Eligibility

Both CRRSAA and ARP require that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants or undergraduates with extraordinary financial circumstances, in awarding emergency financial aid grants to students. While all students enrolled after March 13, 2020 are eligible, priority will be given to students based on current guidance from the U.S. Department of Education who have emergency financial needs related to the pandemic.

Since spring semester 2020, St. Cloud State University enrolled approximately 18,292 students who were eventually determined to be eligible for CRRSAA funding.

## Process

St. Cloud State University made CRRSAA Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students through two methods. The initial distribution was made to all currently enrolled, Title IV aid eligible students with an expected family contribution (EFC) below 20,000. Grants ranged from \$500 to \$1550. Award amounts above the \$500 base amount were determined by considering criteria that would indicate a greater risk of financial distress such as EFC, Federal Pell Grant eligibility and 1<sup>st</sup> generation students.

A portion of the funding was retained for distribution through an emergency grant program. Eligible students who had additional expenses including items like food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care are able to complete a brief application. These emergency funds can be applied directly to institutional charges on a student's account or disbursed directly to the student based on the student's preference. Awards will be made based on the order applications are received until the last available funds are awarded.

ARP funds are being distributed through the emergency grant application beginning around the end of June, 2021.

## **Instructions and Guidance**

Recipients of the April 2021 base distribution received an email message from President Wacker outlining the distribution process, indicating the specific amount the student would receive, advising students of the purpose of the funds, and providing information on additional resources available to assist students during the pandemic.