

## CRRSAA/ARP Information

1. The Northeast Higher Education District (NHED) consisting of Hibbing Community College, Itasca Community College, Mesabi Range Community College, Rainy River Community College and Vermilion Community College, completed the required certification to receive funding from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
2. NHED has received \$1,349,195 of these funds that will be distributed to students through Emergency Financial Aid Grants.
3. As of July 10th, 2021, NHED has distributed \$1,351,010 in emergency grant payments to eligible students through direct grants \$1,207,700 and application-based grants \$143,310.
4. In Spring 2021, NHED estimated 1,268 students met the eligibility requirements to receive CRRSAA/ARP funds.
5. Approximately 1,268 students have received CRRSAA/ARP funding through direct or application-based grants.
6. Eligibility criteria for CRRSAA/ARP funding was determined based on guidance from the U.S. Department of education and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Office of General Counsel.

In Spring 2021, direct grants were distributed to students with demonstrated need according to their calculated Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) as determined by their completed 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Direct grants of \$580 were distributed to 1,268 students with EFCs below \$15,000. Of those students, 948 were Pell-eligible and received a supplemental award amount of \$500 for a total direct grant of \$1080.

The application-based Student Emergency Fund grants are being prioritized to serve students with exceptional need as related to the Cost of Attendance at the College (tuition, food, housing, health care, and childcare) with awards up to \$1000. Application-based awards have been approved and disbursed to 180 students.

7. Students with exceptional need are encouraged to contact their Financial Aid Office for information on how to apply for CRRSAA/ARP emergency funds.

Students with questions about receiving direct grant funds may contact the Financial Aid office.

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