

**University of South Carolina – Beaufort
 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental
 Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) /Higher Education
 Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II)
 Financial Aid Grants to Students
 Report as of April 12, 2021**

Acknowledgement and Assurances

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) was signed into federal law on December 27, 2020. The Act included the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II to provide emergency relief grants to students enrolled in the Spring 2021 semester who have “exceptional need” and incurred emergency expenses due to the coronavirus such as: health care, mental health care, child care, and any component of your cost of attendance.

CRRSAA Act Funding

The University of South Carolina – Beaufort (USCB) received the following funding for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 314(a)(1), (a)(4) of the CRRSAA (HEERF II).

CRRSAA Act Funding	Total Allocation	Minimum Allocation to Emergency Financial Aid Grants	Institutional Portion
University of South Carolina - Beaufort	\$ 2,075,254	\$ 1,037,627	\$ 1,037,627

Total Disbursement of Emergency Financial Aid Grants

CRRSAA Act Funding	Total Disbursements to Date
University of South Carolina - Beaufort	\$ 0

Total # of Students receiving Emergency Financial Aid Grants - Section 314(a)(1), (a)(4) of the CRRSAA

CRRSAA Act Funding	Total # of Students Receiving Aid
University of South Carolina - Beaufort	1,196

Methodology for Emergency Financial Aid Grants Under Section 314(a)(1), (a)(4) of the CRRSAA

Per United States Department of Education (DOE) guidance, the HEERF II funds must be prioritized for students with exceptional need. Students may use the grant for a component of their cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare. If a student chooses, the grant may be used to satisfy his or her account's outstanding balance.

Who is eligible?

- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or other eligible noncitizen.
- Have a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) certificate, or have completed homeschooling
- To establish eligibility for the CRRSAA funding at USCB, undergraduate and graduate students are required to complete the 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to accurately determine financial need. The grant amount is determined by the results of the FAFSA.
- Be enrolled in course(s) as a degree seeking student. Students who have completely withdrawn or stopped attending all of their classes are not eligible for a CRRSAA student grant.
- Unlike the CARES Act, CRRSAA allows students who are enrolled exclusively in online programs to receive assistance.

How much will an eligible student receive?

- In accordance with the guidance from DOE, USCB issued grants to students across all levels as determined by the FAFSA, with amounts ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. Pell Grant recipients received the largest awards \$1,000 and all other eligible students received \$500.

When will I receive my CRRSAA grant funds?

- Students who are already qualified to receive a CRRSAA grant received an automated email, instructing them to login to their SSC account to view a new award. Once a student logs into their SSC account and accepts their CRRSAA grant award, the process will be initiated to disburse a check to the student's home address or to their bank account if they have set up direct deposit with USCB.

If I have an outstanding balance on my account, will the funds be applied to my balance?

- The CRRSAA – HEERF II funds will be refunded regardless of any outstanding balance on your account.