



# 2021 Second Quarter Student Portion Report

*April 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021*

## Coastal Carolina Community College's Higher Education Emergency Relief: HEERF I (CARES), HEERF II (CRRSAA), and HEERF III (ARP)

Coastal Carolina Community College signed and returned the Certification and Agreement to the U.S. Department of Education offering assurance that the College intends to use no less than 50% of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

The College was awarded \$1,685,676 for the CARES Student Portion. The total amount of funds that the College will receive pursuant to the Certification and Agreement is \$3,371,351. An additional certification was not required to receive Higher Education Emergency Relief funds under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA); however, as required under CRRSAA, Coastal Carolina Community will use no less than 50% of the funds received under CRRSAA to provide emergency financial relief grants to students.

The College was awarded \$1,685,676 for the CRRSAA Student Portion. The total amount of funds that the College received for CRRSAA was \$6,284,036.

The College received a subsequent American Rescue Plan Act (i.e., ARP) Grant Award Notification from the U.S. Department of Education. The College was awarded \$5,367,920 for the ARP Student Portion. The total amount of funds that the College received for ARP was \$10,446,523.

# Status of the Distribution of Student Portion Funds

As of June 30, 2021, Coastal Carolina Community College distributed:

CARES: \$148,276 to 247 students.

CRSSAA: \$679,524 to 1,654 students.

ARP: \$0 to no students, since students received emergency relief grants from CARES and CRRSAA Student Portion funds.

## Eligibility

Approximately 4,885 students were eligible during the reporting period. 1,901 students received emergency relief funds. The College established award criteria that prioritized students with exceptional need, in accordance with U.S. Department of Education guidelines.

The following was made available to students for information purposes regarding eligibility:

UPDATE: Per guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education on May 11, 2021 and May 24, 2021, students enrolled in an institution of higher education during the COVID-19 national emergency are eligible for emergency financial aid grants, regardless of whether they completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or are eligible for Title IV. Students with exceptional need are still to be prioritized.

Therefore, a completed FAFSA is no longer required for emergency financial aid grant consideration. Students may continue to apply for emergency financial aid grants using the application found on the College's website, but no student will be required to submit a FAFSA for emergency financial aid grant consideration. The institution will only use information, such as a completed FAFSA, if available, in an effort to identify and prioritize students with exceptional need. Further information about the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, in addition to forthcoming changes to the emergency financial aid grant distribution process, will be updated on the website. If you have any questions, please contact Student Services at (910) 938-6332, or you may also e-mail [sabinc@coastalcarolina.edu](mailto:sabinc@coastalcarolina.edu).

The U.S. Department of Education, in accordance with the CRRSAA, has established eligibility requirements for individuals enrolled in higher education institutions who may be eligible for financial assistance under this law.

According to U.S. Department of Education rules:

- Students must be currently enrolled at the College;
- Students must be U.S. citizens, or eligible U.S. non-citizens; and
- Students who have a demonstrated exceptional financial need, such as students who receive Pell Grants, are to be prioritized.

During the established eligibility periods, you are only eligible to receive a one-time financial award from the College based upon your enrollment status and demonstrated exceptional financial need at time of application. The eligibility periods are: (1) Spring 2021 and/or Summer 2021 and (2) Fall 2021.

The first eligibility period is for students who are enrolled during Spring 2021 and/or Summer 2021. The second eligibility period is for students who are enrolled during Fall 2021. If you have already received a financial award distributed by the College – or are approved for a financial award through the completion of this application and the FAFSA during the aforementioned eligibility period(s), regardless of the financial award amount – you are not eligible to receive a further financial award during the same eligibility period\*.

*Example:* You received \$600 in Spring 2021 and re-apply for an additional financial award in Summer 2021. Because it's the same eligibility period (i.e., Spring 2021 and/or Summer 2021) and you received the maximum amount, you are ineligible for an additional financial award.

*Example:* You were not enrolled in classes in Spring 2021, but you are enrolled in classes and apply for a financial award in Summer 2021. You may be eligible for a one-time financial award during the current eligibility period (i.e., Spring 2021 and/or Summer 2021). Complete the CRRSAA Application.

*Example:* You did not receive a financial award in Spring 2021, because you did not complete a FAFSA, but you believe you are eligible for a financial award. If you complete a FAFSA during the Spring 2021 and/or Summer 2021 eligibility period, as well as Complete the CRRSAA Application, you may be eligible for a one-time financial award.

*Example:* You received a financial award in Fall 2021 but did not receive a financial award in Spring 2021, even though you were enrolled in Spring 2021, during the Spring 2021 and/or Summer 2021 eligibility period. You did not complete a FAFSA for the 2020-2021 year but did for the 2021-2022 year. A financial award will not be retroactively approved since it is beyond the Spring 2021 and/or Summer 2021 eligibility period.

## Who Will Receive CRRSAA Emergency Relief Funds?

The College identified students who met all U.S. Department of Education rules and guidelines (see the “Eligibility for CRRSAA Emergency Relief Funding” section), as of March 22, 2021, and issued a financial award determined by a student’s enrollment status, in conjunction with a demonstrated exceptional financial need based upon a completed FAFSA (2020-2021) on-file with the College. Students acknowledge, by accepting and expending emergency aid, they have incurred COVID-19-related costs. Please review the tables below for more information about the financial award amounts.

## Methodology

Coastal Carolina Community College prioritized students with demonstrated exceptional need, and the following information was published on *Coastal Carolina Community College's Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds* website:

### Demonstrated Exceptional Financial Need Award Amounts

Demonstrated exceptional financial need is determined by a student's estimated family contribution (EFC) as documented on their FAFSA. According to the U.S. Department of Education, in order to be eligible for Pell Grants, a student must have an EFC equal to or less than \$5,846\*\*.

Degree-Seeking or Dual Enrollment Students*	Enrollment Status: Semester Hours	Award Maximum
Full-Time or More	12+ Hours	\$600
Half-Time or More	6 – 11 Hours	\$400
Less than Half-Time	1 – 5 Hours	\$200

Workforce Continuing Education or Non-Degree Seeking Students*	Enrollment Status: One Course Equaling	Award Maximum
Full-Time or More	240+ Hours	\$600
Half-Time or More	239 – 121 Hours	\$400
Less than Half-Time	120 – 96 Hours	\$200
Ineligible	95 or Less Hours	–

### All Other Students Financial Award

For students whose EFC is equal to or greater than \$5,847\*\*, as documented on their FAFSA.

Degree-Seeking or Dual Enrollment Students*	Enrollment Status: Semester Hours	Award Maximum
Full-Time or More	12+ Hours	\$300
Half-Time or More	6 – 11 Hours	\$200
Less than Half-Time	1 – 5 Hours	\$100

<b>Workforce Continuing Education or Non-Degree Seeking Students*</b>	<b>Enrollment Status: One Course Equaling</b>	<b>Award Maximum</b>
Full-time or More	240+ Hours	\$300
Half-Time or More	239 – 121 Hours	\$200
Less than Half-Time	120 – 96 Hours	\$100
Ineligible	95 or Less Hours	–

\* 34 CFR 600.2 and 34 CFR 668 define what constitutes a Degree and Non-Degree Student. In addition, the enrollment status for students who are enrolled in Nursing Aid I and Nursing Aid II, Basic Welding and Pipe Welding, as well as Medical Terminology and Medical Coding and/or Medical Terminology and Medical Billing within Continuing Education will be considered full-time or more (i.e., 240 or more hours); however, the first disbursement will not exceed, based upon demonstrated exceptional financial need, either \$200 or \$400 once enrollment has been verified by the course census date (10% point). The second disbursement will not exceed, based upon demonstrated exceptional financial need, either \$100 or \$200 once subsequent enrollment in the next program sequence has been verified by the course census date (10% point). If a student has already completed the first sequence and has not received a prior financial award, he or she will be eligible, upon CARES Committee approval, for the award maximum. All other Department of Education rules and guidelines, in conjunction with enrollment verification by the course census date (10% point), are required.

\*\* The established EFC for Pell Grant eligibility is subject to change by the Department of Education, and the College reserves the right to modify any eligibility guidelines, rules, or processes for financial award distribution at any time without prior notification.

### Note

If the institution was unable to determine demonstrated exceptional need at the time of an award distribution, students were able to complete an Exceptional Need Financial Aid Award Application for financial award reclassification. This application process enabled the institution to accept a student’s attestation of exceptional need, based upon a brief application, that also encouraged students to complete a Special Circumstances Review, if applicable, and be connected to student support services and resources.

## Student Communication

Instructions, directions, and guidance to students about eligibility – as well as the application and award distribution process for HEERF I, HEERF II, and HEERF III – were published on *Coastal Carolina Community College’s Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds* website. A point of contact was also provided to students who possessed questions specifically about eligibility or the award distribution process.

Students who were identified by the institution or determined by a student-initiated application as eligible – based upon information available to the institution, in accordance with available U.S. Department of Education guidelines – were awarded funds and sent an e-mail.

A sample e-mail – to include, but not limited to, imbedded links to information about CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP eligibility and award distribution information – sent to students is below:

Greetings,

As our nation continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the College remains committed to your success and the recovery efforts within our community. Consequently, the College is issuing a financial award to eligible students, in accordance with Federal Government guidelines. Our records indicate you are eligible to receive emergency relief funds. Please visit [Coastal Carolina Community College's Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds](#) website for more information about these funds.

You will receive this financial award by electronic deposit via Bank Mobile (if you have an active account), direct deposit (if you have an account on file), or a check through the U.S. Postal Service. Carefully review [Coastal Carolina Community College's Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds](#) website to learn more about the process, including, but not limited to, the timeline for the distribution of funds.

The faculty, staff, and I encourage you to engage with those student support services personnel and/or resources to assist with your educational goals. For more information about community resources or how to connect with student support services, please visit the College's [Community Resources Page](#) or contact [Student Services](#).

It is our sincere hope these funds may be of assistance as you pursue and accomplish your educational goals.

Sincerely,

*David L. Heatherly*

President

Coastal Carolina Community College