

CRRSAA INFORMATION

The following information is given to provide public disclosure and to assure compliance with the United States Department of Education requirements related to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan Act (ARP).

Crowley's Ridge College Response for CRRSAA

1. Crowley's Ridge College is pleased to report that we are participating in the CRRSAA established by Congress. We have signed and returned the Department of Education's Certification and Agreement that we intend to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. The CARES Act required that 50 percent of an institution's allocation under section 18004(a)(1) be used for financial aid grants to students, which was represented by the institution's CARES Act Student Aid Portion award. The CRRSAA requires that an institution receiving funding under section 314(a)(1) provide the "same amount" in financial aid grants to students from the new CRRSAA funds that it was required or which it would have been required to provide under its original CARES Act Student Aid Portion award. \$132,512 was the same amount that is available for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. Crowley's Ridge College has distributed \$134,312 to students eligible for these grants.
4. Crowley's Ridge College has 145 students who are eligible. Unlike the CARES Act, the CRRSAA requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants, in awarding financial aid grants to students. However, students do not need to be only Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell grants. In addition, the CRRSAA explicitly provides that financial aid grants to students may be provided to students exclusively enrolled in distance education. 145 students received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the CRRSAA.
5. Crowley's Ridge College determined that all eligible students needed Emergency Grants for emergency costs that arose due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care. Each student then received a grant of \$600.
6. Crowley's Ridge College then identified each student's EFC and nature of their EFC and identified those with financial struggles due to parents being denied plus loans, dependent students with no help from parents, loss of jobs, death of parent, health issues, medical bills, etc. Additional grants have been issued to these students.

NOTE: The Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSAA were handed out or mailed to all eligible students on Thursday, January 28, 2021.