

FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (CRRSAA)

Student Aid Report

Quarterly Report for Term of January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021 posted July 7, 2021

- (1) Southwest Minnesota State University (SMSU) was awarded, pursuant to Section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), and agrees to draw down funds and be bound by the conditions set forth by the terms and conditions of the supplemental agreement.
- (2) From the CRRSAA Act SMSU was awarded \$822,117 for student aid funding and \$2,807,806.00 for institutional expenses and lost revenues.
- (3) As of March 31, 2021, \$722,500 has been awarded to students through financial aid grants. \$0.00 has been awarded to students through an emergency grant award process. The total awarded to students through March 31, 2021 was \$722,500.
- (4) Based on the criteria listed in #6 below 1,056 students were eligible for CRRSAA grants. The same 1,056 students were eligible to receive emergency grants.
- (5) As of March 31, 2021 1,056 students have received awards.
- (6) The following criteria was used to determine need for the grants through the CRRSAA funding.
 1. Block Grants will be awarded to students based on the following criteria:
 - a. Enrolled in >0 credits for term 20215
 - b. Submitted a FAFSA
 - c. Eliminated MN State employees with tuition waivers and those paying the senior citizen tuition rate
 - d. Eliminated PSEO and concurrent enrolled students
 - e. Eliminated non-degree seeking students, graduate certifications, DACA and International students
 - f. Students with an Expected Family Contributions (EFC) between 0 and 5711 (Pell eligibility EFC) will receive \$750 each
 - g. Students with an EFC between 5712 and 12,000 will receive \$500 each
 - h. Student needs for pandemic related costs could include COVID rapid testing which is approximately \$100 per test, monthly internet services of approximately \$50 to \$75 per month, additional technology needs such as routers or laptops, child care, food, rent, or transportation
 - i. Checks or direct deposit will be used for the awards; we will not create an opt in process to have the grants applied to the student's university account
 2. Emergency grant applications will be available through an online application process using "Academic Works" – same process as CARES funding which worked well
 - a. There will be \$99,617 available for emergency grants
 - b. The \$99,617 is approximately 12% of the total \$822,117 available for all student aid

- c. Emergency grant applications will be reviewed by a team led by Interim Executive Director of Enrollment and Student Success. Grants will be awarded up to \$1,000 per individual, on an exception basis grants may be for a higher amount.
- d. A question on the application form will be included for a student to opt in to have their emergency grant applied to their university account and to any balances owed to the University
- e. Emergency grants can be used for the same type of expenses as the block grants for extra expenses created by the Pandemic or because of a shortage of funds also because of the pandemic. If the individual applying for the emergency grant also received a block grant, an emergency grant can be awarded for exceptional expenses.

(7) Letters were sent to the student recipients from the President. The following information was included in the letter.

- a) The CRRSAA requires that the emergency money be distributed to students to cover student expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. These eligible expenses include those considered a part of student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.
- b) In addition to the above grant, students may also apply for an Emergency CRRSAA Grant through the Academic Works website at <https://smsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/6573>