

Keystone College
CRRSAA: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II)
April 10, 2021

On December 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) was signed. This act provided \$81.88 billion in support of education, in addition to the \$30.75 billion provided as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The following information is provided to comply with the reporting standards set in place by the Department of Education for the usage of the student portion of the funding. The following information is recent as of April 10, 2021. Subsequent reports will be made on July 10, October 10, and January 10.

- In May of 2020, Keystone College signed and submitted the U.S. Department of Education Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. Upon recognition of this submission and signature, the U.S. Department of Education provided the College a Grant Award Notification to be signed electronically. Keystone College signed the document. Keystone was awarded CRRSAA based on its previous acceptance of HEERF I.
- As part of the CRRSAA Act, Keystone College received \$2,577,532. This funding was allocated with the following spending stipulations in place:
 - The Minimum Amount for Student Aid: \$712,927
 - The Maximum Amount for Institutional Aid: \$1,864,605
- To receive support, full-time undergraduate students were given the option to go online and request to receive the funds (via check or direct deposit) or have the funding left in their account.
- Criteria for eligibility included the following:
 - Be a currently enrolled full-time degree seeking student in an undergraduate program at Keystone College during the Spring 2020-2021 semester; and
 - Demonstrate unexpected financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Expenses covered include the following:

- Emergency housing expenses due to a recent loss of income associated with COVID-19;
- Expenses for students facing food insecurity;
- Essential utility expenses, such as water, gas, and electric;
- Emergency medical/dental expenses and prescription medication, if not covered by insurance;
- Emergency childcare expenses;
- Technology expenses, such as Internet, related to the conversion to online learning;
- Travel costs related to death or illness of an immediate family member; and

- Other financial needs arising from individual and/or special circumstances to be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Expenses NOT covered include the following:

- Lost wages due to unemployment as a result of COVID-19;
 - Entertainment and recreational expenses;
 - Non-emergency travel; and
 - Credit card debit.
- The total amount of funds distributed from the institutional portion, as of April 10, 2021, is **\$1,864,605. This is the total amount of maximum funds allowed.**
 - The total number of individual students who have received funding as of **April 10, 2021 is 866. Each student received \$826.00 for a total spent of \$712,012.**
 - As with the CARES Act, Students and their families were provided additional guidance through the College's "Coronavirus Response and Previous Updates" page found [here](#).