

CRRSAA & ARP Report

The following information is provided to comply with the Department of Education's CRRSAA (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021) & ARP (American Rescue Plan Act, 2021) Reporting requirements.

Report Date: October 1, 2021

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

North Central College (College) received the Grant Award Notification for section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), on January 17, 2021, and received the Grant Award Notification for section 2003 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) on May 21, 2021. The College agrees to use these funds to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

North Central College received a total of \$5,670,327 that is specifically designated as emergency financial aid grants to students.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

\$1,204,770 CRRSAA
\$3,260,045 ARP

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

2757 CRRSAA
2713 ARP

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

2575 CRRSAA
2713 ARP

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.
 - a. All North Central College undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled and did not completely withdraw from the spring 2021 semester
 - b. For CRRSAA, all eligible students were divided into six quintiles based on their Expected Family Contributions (EFC) and grade level. The highest grant amounts provided to the neediest quintile, and each quintile was allocated between \$200-

- 805.
- c. For ARP, all eligible students will be divided into seven quintiles based on their EFC and special circumstances communicated to the Office of Financial Aid. The highest grant amounts will be provided to the neediest quintile, and each quintile was allocated between \$200-\$3,151.
7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.
- a. For CRRSAA, The College posted general information regarding Financial Aid Grants on the CARES/HEERF section of its website on March 31, 2021 informing students the grant should be used for academic related expenses incurred due to COVID-19, including expenses related to tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.
 - b. For ARP, The College will post general information on it's website.
 - c. For CRRSAA, emails were sent to all students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant with the following guidance.

Dear Student,

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) was passed by Congress and signed into law on December 27, 2020. The U.S. Department of Education made available an additional \$21.2 billion to institutions of higher education to assist students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding was allocated to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II).

North Central College has received \$1.2 million as part of HEERF II to directly support students who have demonstrated need and are facing financial challenges because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

Grant amounts vary by student based on academic level (undergraduate/graduate) and Expected Family Contribution (EFC), and ranging from \$200 to a maximum of \$805. The highest grant amounts are provided to eligible students who exhibit the highest demonstrated need as determined from their FAFSA. These funds may be used for any component of a students' cost of attendance or for emergency costs that may arise due to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

You will be receiving a grant payment either by check or direct deposit to your bank account on file. All HEERF II funds will be processed through the Office of Student Accounts. You have the choice of having these funds applied to your student account. To have these funds applied to your student account, please complete your consent by no later than 11:59 p.m. CST on April 9, 2021. Any amount over your outstanding balance will be refunded to you.

If you have not done so, we encourage you to set up direct deposit through Merlin by April 11, 2021, as this will provide the quickest access to these funds. Students who elect not to set up direct deposit will be provided these funds via check mailed to their permanent address on file.

Please visit our website if you have any questions or email the Office of Financial Aid.

- d. For ARP, all eligible students will receive an email regarding Emergency Financial Aid Grants with additional guidance.