

Washburn University and Washburn Tech previously signed and returned to the Department of Education the [Funding Certification and Agreement](#) Emergency Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. By drawing down the funds from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), Washburn University and Washburn Tech agreed to terms and conditions under the CRRSAA. Washburn University and Washburn Tech received a total \$2,250,087 to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Funds will need to be fully utilized through a block grant based on criteria from the Spring 2021 semester.

Before processing CRRSAA funds in a block grant, Washburn wanted to ensure that CARES Act funding was fully utilized and the CRRSAA drawdown requirement was met. In order to accomplish this, \$4,512.50 was utilized from the CRRSAA fund helping 10 students in April 2021. Criteria used to determine recipients is shown below under Spring 2021 CARES Block Grant.

The remainder of CRRSAA funds were utilized in a block grant processed in May 2021. 5,109 Washburn University and 1,030 Washburn Tech students may have been eligible to receive CRRSAA funding. 4,329 Washburn University and 348 Washburn Tech students met the institutional criteria to receive funding. Criteria to determine student grants is shown below under Spring 2021 CRRSAA Block Grant.

Washburn University student portion of CRRSAA expenditures. At this time, all CRRSAA student funding has been depleted.

Washburn University Grant Totals by Month

	# of Grants by Month	Monthly Grants Disbursed	Total Grants Disbursed
1/1/2021	0	\$0	\$0
2/1/2021	0	\$0	\$0
3/1/2021	0	0	\$0
4/1/2021	0	\$0	\$0
5/1/2021	10	\$4,512.50	\$4,512.50
6/1/2021	4,329	\$2,135,875	\$2,140,387.50

4,339 grants have been made to 4,329 different Washburn University students. The average grant per recipient is \$519.77.

Washburn Tech Grant Totals by Month

	# of Grants by Month	Monthly Grants Disbursed	Total Grants Disbursed
1/1/2021	0	\$0	\$0
2/1/2021	0	\$0	\$0
3/1/2021	0	0	\$0
4/1/2021	0	\$0	\$0
5/1/2021	0	\$0	\$0
6/1/2021	348	\$109,700	\$109,700

348 grants have been made to Washburn Tech students. The average grant is \$315.23.

Spring 2021 CARES Block Grant

\$500 block grants were provided to 276 students to close out funding for HEERF I. Students were prioritized based on financial need based on an EFC under 20,000 and a balance of \$500 or more owed to Washburn University. Students were awarded based on EFC starting from 0 and working up. Eligibility was reviewed based on information as of 04/13/21.

Eligibility

- Enrolled in 12 or more hours
- Degree Seeking
- Balance of \$500 or more
- Maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Not enrolled in an online only program
- Excludes students that received CARES from the Spring 2021 application

Students receiving the grant were sent the following notification.

This afternoon, you were selected to receive a special disbursement of the CARES Act. A check for \$500 should be available for you to pick up at the Cashier window in Morgan 103 by 10AM tomorrow. Because this is a special disbursement of the CARES Act, it will not be sent out via direct deposit. If you wish to apply this to your balance at Washburn, the cashier will be able to assist you. If you do not pick up this check, it will be put in the mail within 2 weeks.

Spring 2021 CRRSAA Block Grant

Spring 2021 CRRSAA criteria was determined with an effective date of 05/21/21. Eligible students must be degree seeking enrolled at least half-time as of the effective date for the Spring 2021 semester. The table below determines which category the fell in to based on enrollment. High school students dual-enrolled were not eligible.

<u>Enrollment Threshold</u>	
Undergraduate full-time	12 or more credit hours
Undergraduate at least part-time	6-11 credit hours
Graduate/Law full-time	9 or more credit hours
Graduate/Law at least part-time	5-8 credit hours

Eligible students with exceptional financial need were guaranteed to receive funding. Students with exceptional financial need were determined to be full-time Pell grant student and full-time 0-10,000 EFC non-Pell students. Students with exceptional financial need received an additional amount of the grant. The table below shows the amount the student could receive.

<u>Block Grant Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Washburn University undergraduate full-time	\$500
Washburn University undergraduate full-time Pell add on	\$500
Washburn University undergraduate at least part-time	\$250
Washburn University Graduate & Law full-time	\$300
Washburn University Graduate & Law at least part-time	\$150
Washburn University full-time EFC ≤ 10,000 No Pell add on	\$150
Washburn Tech full-time	\$250

Washburn Tech full-time Pell add on	\$250
Washburn Tech at least part-time	\$125
Washburn Tech full-time EFC ≤ 10,000 No Pell add on	\$150

Student Communications

- The notification below was sent to all CRRSAA grant recipients.

From: financialaid@washburn.edu <financialaid@washburn.edu>

Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 3:56 PM

To:

Subject: Washburn University Higher Education Emergency Relief Grant Processed

Dear Ichabod,

Today Washburn University processed grants made available through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) for the Spring 2021 semester. HEERF II was authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). Funds were assigned based on your Spring 2021 enrollment as determined on 05/21/2021. This grant was based on several factors that include your Spring 2021 enrollment, Expected Family Contribution from the FAFSA, Pell Grant eligibility, and others factors.

You can see the amount that will be processed by signing in to your my.washburn.edu, selecting Financial Services, Review your awards, Award Offer, and then changing the award year to 2020-2021 from the drop down menu.

Funds from this grant **will be sent directly to you and will not apply to any university balance.** If you owe a balance and wish to make a payment, you may view payment options at <https://www.washburn.edu/student-life/business-office/payments.html>.

If you have signed up for direct deposit, you will receive those funds within 1-2 business days depending on your bank's processing time. If you do not have [direct deposit](#) set up a refund check will be mailed out to the address on file.

Thank you,
Washburn University Emergency Grant Committee

- The notification below was sent to all Washburn University students and all CRRSAA recipients at Washburn Tech

From: Richard Liedtke

Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 9:21 AM

To:

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Subject: Grants Awarded to students Through Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act

Greetings Ichabods,

Congratulations on finishing strong with your spring semester. If you have not already, I encourage you to meet with your advisor and get enrolled for fall.

This past spring, Washburn received approximately \$2.25 million in additional funding through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act(CRRSA). After reviewing the regulations and guidelines, grants were awarded last week through this funding. All post-secondary, degree seeking students who were enrolled in 6 or more hours at the end of the spring 2021 semester received some additional funding. CRRSA grants range from \$125-\$1000 and were distributed Thursday, May27th.

In addition to the above funding, Washburn will be receiving approximately \$7 million in appropriations through the American Rescue Plan (ARP). We are currently reviewing the regulations and guidelines to the ARP grant and will most likely distribute sometime early fall. We look forward to seeing you on campus this fall, back in the classroom face-to-face and enjoying the full slate of activities that Washburn is scheduling for you. As we prepare for the fall we continue to support you in your pursuit of your educational goals and encourage you to get enrolled if you have not already.

Enjoy your summer and Go Bods!

Richard Liedtke, Ph.D. | Executive Director, Enrollment Management

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