

College of Menominee Nation

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act CRRSAA was signed into law on December 27, 2020. The CRRSAA established additional funding through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) to address needs directly related to the coronavirus.

The College of Menominee Nation received the following supplemental grants from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II):

Student portion – \$87,845, which is designated to provide financial aid grants to students

Institutional Portion – \$373, 567, which may be used to defray expenses associated with the coronavirus; carry out student support activities that address needs related to the coronavirus; and make additional financial aid grants to students.

About the CRRSAA – HEERF II Grants

Fall 2021 Semester

Similar to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act with HEERF I funds, the CRRSAA - HEERF II funds are distributed as grants with appropriate use stipulations. The CRRSAA student grants must be used to cover expenses related to the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, transportation, health care (including mental health care), or childcare. Unlike the CARES Act, the CRRSAA requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell grants, and authorizes grants to students exclusively enrolled in distance education.

CRRSAA – HEERF II Student Grant Information: Fall 2021 Semester

Student Eligibility

It is the goal of CMN to distribute the CRRSAA student grants in an equitable manner, while prioritizing students with the greatest need. The College recognizes our students have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic and also faced financial challenges.

To be eligible, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be a U.S. citizen or national, permanent resident, or other eligible noncitizen.
- Must use the CRRSAA student grant to cover expenses from any component of the student's cost of attendance and/or emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or childcare incurred after December 27, 2020.
- Be enrolled in at least one credit hour for fall 21 Semester. Students who have completely withdrawn or stopped attending all of their classes before September 3, 2021 are not eligible for a CRRSAA student grant.

Student Award Amounts

CMN will calculate the award for fall, 2021 semester based on the student enrollment status as of September 3rd, 2021.

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II			
EFC Type	0-3000EFC	3001-5700 EFC	Not Eligible for Financial Aid
Student Status	Amount per	Amount per	Amount per
Full-Time	850	800	750
3/4 Time	750	700	650
Half-Time	650	600	550
Less than half time	550	500	450

Check or Direct Deposit Distribution dates

CMN will mail or deposit money to students September 17, 2021

Additional Award Amounts to help with Cost of Attendance

Description: Students can be eligible for up to 450 more dollars in Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) for fall 21 semester.

How do I qualify for the extra grant Money?

- Need to be a Registered Fall 2021 degree seeking student
- Marked Present in class for at least 62.5% of the time.

How do I meet the 62.5% marked present incentive?

- Use the following Scenario,
 - o You are registered for 6 credits which is two classes that meet each week
 - o For the 1st 8 weeks ending Friday, October 8 2021 you can be marked present for a total of 16 class periods.
 - § To meet the 62.5%, you need to be present in those classes at least 10 times
 - o For the 1st 14 weeks ending Friday, November 19 2021 you can be marked present for a total of 28 class periods.

§ To meet the 62.5%, you need to be present in class at least 18 times

Attendance Check Date One: October 8, 2021
Check Disbursement: October 22, 2021
Check Amount: \$225

Attendance Check Date Two: November 19, 2021
Check Disbursement Date: December 3, 2021
Check Amount: \$225

Application Process

To expedite the distribution of funds, the College **eliminated** the application process. CMN has already identified students who meet the eligibility requirements and the Financial Aid Office will notify students by email.

Note: All checks will be issued and mailed to the students address on file. By accepting the payment, students are certifying that they will use the CRRSAA student grant to cover expenses from any component of their cost of attendance and/or emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus, such as **tuition, food, housing, transportation, health care (including mental health care), or childcare incurred after December 27, 2020.**

Students will receive this funding directly, unless the student has given written, affirmative consent to apply the grant toward the student's account balance.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Will I have to repay the CRRSAA student grant I receive?
 - No. These are grants and do not have to be paid back.
- Will this funding affect my financial aid in the future?
 - No. This grant will not be used in calculating your current or future financial aid awards.
- What if I owe CMN for tuition and/or other fees?
 - Students may complete a CRRSAA Student Grant Consent Form or have a written statement submitted to have the funds applied toward their student account balance or they may receive the full amount of the grant directly by check. Any outstanding balance owed to CMN will remain the responsibility of the student.
- I think I am eligible but did not receive a CRRSAA student grant. Who should I contact?
 - Please contact the Financial Aid Staff at financialaid@menominee.edu.
- Do I need to keep receipts of how these funds were spent?
 - No. CMN will not require receipts or other documentation of how you spent the funds, but you are required to use the CRRSAA student grant to cover expenses from any component of your cost of attendance and/or emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, transportation, health care (including mental health care), or childcare incurred after December 27, 2020.

- Is this funding taxable?
 - No, the CRRSAA student grant is not taxable income.
- Will these funds be reported on the 1098-T?
 - Yes. At this time, the IRS is requiring that CRRSAA student grants be reported on the 1098-T.

Other Resources

- Department of Education CRRSAA Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II)
<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/crrsaa.html>
- National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) Reference Page https://www.nasfaa.org/heerf_ii
- NACUBO – Second Round of Emergency Grants to Students will Require 1098-T Reporting
<https://www.nacubo.org/News/2021/2/Second-Round-of-Emergency-Grants-to-Students-Will-Require-1098T-Reporting>