

LSU signed the funding certification and agreement for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act on April 13, 2020 and plans to use the funds to provide the mandated amount of at least 50% of the emergency financial aid grants to students.

May 2020 & August 2020

- Approximately 18,276 students were eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant.
- Approximately 18,238 students have received an emergency financial aid grant.
- Total amount distributed to students was \$9,294,650.
 - In May 2020, \$9,295,600 was distributed to 18,251 students from CARES [HEERF I] Funding.
 - In August 2020, \$12,350 was distributed to an additional 25 students from HEERF I Student Funding.
 - *In June 2021, \$13,300 was returned due to unclaimed checks for 38 students. Bringing the total for the First Disbursement to \$9,294,650 for 18,238 students. These funds were reissued under the Third Disbursement's criteria in August 2021.*
- All eligible students were awarded CARES Act (HEERF I) funding. Award amounts ranged from \$150 - \$1,000 depending on enrollment status and financial need.

Eligible students are defined as:

- Enrolled in an eligible program at least half time
- A U.S. Citizen or eligible noncitizen
- With a Valid 2019-2020 FAFSA on file
- Maintaining satisfactory academic progress
- Not in default or owe an overpayment on a Title IV grant or loan
- Having documents on file verifying the student's identity, a statement of educational purpose, selective service registration, birth certificate and social security number

The language of the law specifically prohibits the following types of students from receiving the emergency grants:

- International and undocumented students
- Dual enrollment students
- Students enrolled through LSU Online

The following email was sent to student recipients once funding was awarded:

We understand this last semester has been challenging dealing with COVID-19 and the disruption to campus. You have been awarded LSU CARES Act funding based on your demonstrated financial need. Funding will either be direct deposited into your bank account on file with the Bursar's Office, or you will receive a check mailed to your local mailing address if you do not have a bank account on file. Please allow 5-7 business days for funding. For questions regarding your direct deposit or check, please contact the Bursar's Office at bursar@lsu.edu. For additional questions or more information, please contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at financialaid@lsu.edu.

April 2021 - June 2021

- LSU estimates that approximately 30,000 students were eligible to apply for an emergency financial aid grant.
- Approximately 10,709 students received an emergency financial aid grant.
- Total amount distributed to students was \$9,508,681.62.
 - In April 2021, \$4,023,373.59 was distributed to 3,766 students.
 - CARES Act [HEERF I]: \$133,169.24 to 257 students
 - CRSSAA [HEERF II]: \$3,890,204.35 to 3,509 students
 - In May 2021, \$5,115,389.87 was distributed to 6,429 students from CRSSAA [HEERF II] funds.
 - In June 2021, \$369,918.16 was distributed to an additional 514 students from CRSSAA [HEERF II] funds.

Methodology of students and award amounts

- Funding was awarded to the pool of students who applied via the with priority consideration given to students with a Pell eligible EFC of 5,711 or below.
 - Unlike the CARES Act, the CRRSAA requires that institutions prioritize students with “*exceptional need*”. LSU uses the FAFSA data point of Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as the indicator for exceptional need, whereby all students who are Pell eligible based on their EFC number are eligible for an award in the exceptional need category. “Exceptional need” is defined as demonstrating via the FAFSA an expected family contribution (EFC) number within the Pell eligible range. For the current academic year, that EFC range is 0-5,711.
- Award amounts: \$1,200 has been determined as the maximum grant amount based on the number of applications received. Actual student grant amounts were determined by the application requested amount and a student’s financial need as determined by the FAFSA. Students who requested \$1,200 or greater and had a pell eligible EFC were awarded \$1,200. If a pell eligible student requested less than \$1,200, he/she received the amount requested. Students without a pell eligible EFC received a maximum of \$750. If a non-pell eligible student requested less than \$750, he/she received the amount requested.
- Eligibility determined by having documents on file to verify the student’s identity, a statement of educational purpose, selective service registration, birth certificate and social security number.
- Through the online application portal, students could authorize LSU to apply the grant funding to any outstanding charges on their student account.
 - If authorization was granted, they were processed as Direct to Bill where the grant was applied to the student’s fee bill balance

Grants can be credited to your student account or paid to you through the normal student refund process. You must make this selection when you complete the application form.

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Student cost of attendance and/or emergency costs arising from the coronavirus pandemic are eligible expenses.

The total pool of funds to be awarded is \$9,441,144. The individual grant amounts will depend on several factors:

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We encourage all students to enroll in direct deposit as it is the most secure and efficient way to receive any type of refund. You can enroll by logging into myLSU > Financial Services > Direct Deposit of Refunds. If you are not enrolled in direct deposit, you will be issued a check mailed to the local mailing address in our system.

Yes, the application can be found at [CRRSA APPLICATION](#).
