

Status of Coronavirus Emergency Financial Aid to Students (Federal Reporting)
Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds II (CRRSAA),
Public Lab 116-260,
U.S. Department of Education
As of July 8th 2021

- Alamance Community College (College) signed and returned to the Department of Education (Department) the College's Certification and Agreement for Student Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA-HEERF II. This includes assurance that the College has used, or intends to use, no less than \$1,183,893 of the funds received under Section 314 (a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Financial Aid Grants to students.

- The College was funded \$1,183,893 from the Department pursuant to the College's Certification of Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

- The College allocated \$80,000 of institutional funds to emergency grants to students under Section 314 (a)(1) of CRRSAA. As of the date of this report, \$9,700 has been distributed to students.

- As of the date of this report, the College distributed \$1,183,893 under the student portion of Section 314 (a)(1) of CRRSAA.

- The estimated total number of the College's students eligible to participate in the programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314 (a)(1) of the CRRSAA is 1584. After distribution of funds in Spring 2021, the Department of Education expanded eligibility. Expanded eligibility rules will be used to distribute the remaining CRRSAA funds in Summer 2021. For Summer 2021 1,197 students were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

- As of the date of this report, the total number of students who received an Student Financial Aid Grant under Section 314 (a)(1) of the CRRSAA is 1584 for Spring 2021 and 975 for Summer 2021.

- The methods used by the College to determine which students receive Student Financial Aid Grants, including how much a student would receive under Section 314 (a)(1) of the CRRSAA have been determined. See Exhibit 1 for Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3 distribution.

- Students who are eligible to receive a Student Financial Aid Grant received a formula based grant. Students that were Pell eligible and enrolled in the Spring 2021 received \$550 and students with need, but not Pell eligible received \$275. For Summer of 2021 enrolled Pell eligible

students received \$345, students that had need, but not Pell eligible received \$175 and students with a FAFSA on file received \$100.

- Students who are eligible to receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant were required to complete an online application to request additional funding.

Alamance Community College Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (HEERF) Act Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Eligibility Determination Guidelines

Phase 1 Distribution

- Student must have be enrolled in at least one curriculum course or Career Ready Continuing Education class during the Spring 2021 semester. Dual Enrolled, GED, AHS and Career and College Promise student were excluded.
- Student were encouraged to complete a FAFSA to qualify for the need based student financial aid grants (exhibit 1)
- Student must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and be deemed Title IV eligible as defined by Section 484 of the Higher Education Act. Eligibility criteria include the following:
 - o Student has a high school diploma or GED.
 - o Student has a verified security number.
 - o Student is a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or eligible noncitizen.
- Awards range from \$275 to \$550. Students that are Pell Eligible received \$550 each and students that were not eligible, but still had unmet need up to a \$25,000 EFC were awarded \$275.

Students were notified on their Self Service account as well as by email about their award. Students were also notified of the process to request additional funds if needed. (Exhibit 2)

Phase 2 Distribution

After April 19th 2021, funds that remained available for CRRSAA student grants allocated to an emergency fund. Students may request the funds by contacting either the Single Stop office or the Financial Aid office. Students are asked to complete a simple application to request the funds (Exhibit 3). Students with available unmet need are awarded up to \$1,000 and students with no unmet need or no FAFSA were awarded up to \$500.

Phase 3 Distribution

- Student must have be enrolled in at least one curriculum course or Career Ready Continuing Education class during the Summer 2021 semester. Dual Enrolled, GED, AHS and Career, College Promise and Continuing Education student were excluded.
- Student were encouraged to complete a FAFSA to qualify for the need based student financial aid grants (exhibit 1)
- Student must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and be deemed Title IV eligible as defined by Section 484 of the Higher Education Act. Eligibility criteria include the following:
 - o Student has a high school diploma or GED.
 - o Student has a verified security number.
 - o Student is a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or eligible noncitizen.
- Awards range from \$345 to \$100. Students that are Pell Eligible received \$345 each and students that were not eligible, but still had unmet need up to a \$25,000 EFC were awarded \$175 and students with a FAFSA on file received \$100.

Students were notified on their Self Service account as well as by email about their award. Students were also notified of the process to request additional funds if needed. (Exhibit 4)

EXHIBIT 1

Alamance Community College is in the process of qualifying students for the second round of CARES funds. These funds are to defray the cost of the items in a student cost of attendance, including tuition, books, supplies, housing, utilities, transportation, health insurance, food and medical costs. These funds can also defray the cost of the impact of COVID-19 including medical bills and job loss due to COVID-19.

To be considered for these funds you must have a 2020-21 FAFSA on file with Alamance Community College by April 12th 2021. As of March 18th 2021 we do not have a record of your 2020-21 FAFSA on file with our office. If you believe you have completed a 2020-21 FAFSA, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 336-506-4340.

If you need assistance with the FAFSA please sign up for one of our weekly workshops here: <https://www.alamancecc.edu/financial-aid-site/financial-information-workshops/>

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Financial Aid Office at financialaid@alamancecc.edu.

Sincerely,
Financial Aid Office
Alamance Community College

EXHIBIT 2

You were recently awarded a CARES grant. You will receive your funds the week of April 19th mailed to the address you have on file on Self Service. Please verify your address and phone number in Self Service by April 12th. If you would like us to apply these funds to your account at Alamance Community College, please contact the Financial Aid Office by April 1st 2021 at 336-506-4340.

The funds are provided to you to cover parts of your cost of attendance due to COVID-19, including tuition, books, housing, utilities, transportation, food and medical expenses. Alamance Community College does have limited emergency funds in which students with exceptional need may apply for. To see if you qualify for these additional funds please contact Brian Barringer- Single Stop Coordinator at 336-506-4039 or brian.barringer@alamancecc.edu or the Financial Aid office at 336-506-4340.

Sincerely,
The Financial Aid Office
and
The Single Stop Office

EXHIBIT 3

Student Financial Emergency Assistance Grant Application

This is a short term emergency TEMPORARY program and will end once the grant funds are exhausted.

* Required

Student ID Number *

Student Name (first and last name) *

Address: *

City: *

State: *

Zip code: *

Student Email Address *

Telephone: *

I am currently enrolled and actively taking classes at Alamance Community College. *

Yes

No

My household financial situation has been negatively impacted due to the coronavirus. *

Yes

No

EXHIBIT 4

Dear @FIRST.NAME ,

You qualify for an emergency grant funded by the United States CARES Act allotment of funds of the American Rescue Plan (HEERF III). Most Alamance Community College (ACC) students are potentially eligible.

CARES/HEERF grants are provided to you to cover parts of your cost of attendance due to COVID-19, including tuition, books, housing, utilities, transportation, food and medical expenses.

Grants are awarded based on individual student financial need as reported on your 2020-21 FAFSA.

Grants will be posted to your Self Service account. You must verify that your address is correct on your Self Service account. If your address is incorrect, please contact Admissions at admissions@alamancecc.edu to update. The College will need about two weeks to process, prepare, and mail a check to the address you have on file with the College.

If you need financial assistance not related to campus closure (example job loss etc.) and are currently enrolled at Alamance Community College, please make an appointment with a specialist to discuss your options.

If you have any questions, please email financialaid@alamancecc.edu.

Alamance Community College Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (HEERF II) Act Federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Institutional Funds Portion

Alamance Community College allocated a portion of institutional funds to assist highly needy students with expenses related to COVID-19.

Grocery Store Gift Cards \$10,000

Many local food banks, including the Alamance Community College student food bank, were experiencing food shortages. Furthermore, students were unable to obtain staples like dairy and meat products. Alamance Community College purchased \$10,000 worth of \$100 gift cards to distribute to students in need due to COVID-19. As of June 28th 2021, \$2,200 has been distributed directly to students.

Trio Student \$70,000

Alamance Community College provided a one-time grant to eligible TRIO students to address the cost of attendance or for emergencies related to coronavirus. Once students completed the short application, (EXHIBIT 5) checks were sent directly to students. As of July 8th 2021, \$7,500 has been distributed directly to students.

EXHIBIT 5

TRIO- Student Access Grant

This is a grant designed to provide financial assistance for active TRIO students.

* Required

Student ID Number *

First Name *

Last Name *

Address *

City *

State *

Zip Code *

Telephone Number *

I am currently enrolled and actively taking classes at Alamance Community College. *

Yes

No

I am a United States citizen or a permanent resident. *

Yes

No

My household financial situation has been negatively impacted due to the coronavirus. *

Yes

No

Have you met or corresponded with the TRIO Success Coach? *

Yes

No

Have you met or corresponded with the TRIO Academic Adviser for registration or student related services? *

Yes

No

Have you attended any TRIO workshops? *

Yes

No