



Student Emergency Fund

Report through 1st Quarter: 04/21/2020 to 03/31/2021

Initial grant application submission: 04/21/2020

U.S. Department of Education - Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF)

INTRODUCTION

Delta College's Emergency Fund was created in May 2020 to provide assistance to students for expenses and financial emergencies related to the coronavirus pandemic. It will help students stay in college and meet their educational goals, ultimately, securing a better financial future. Grants to students are intended to go DIRECTLY TO STUDENTS for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations, as reflected on the application.

This information is posted on the College's public website and will be continue to be updated every quarter (90 days).

REPORTING

1. Certification and Agreement

Delta College acknowledges that it signed and returned its Certification and Agreement document on April 21, 2020 to the U.S. Department of Education. We assure that we will be using these funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

2. Total Funding Received

Delta College will be receiving \$5,146,606 specifically designated to be utilized for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students, as awarded below.

- PR/Award number: P425E202826
 - \$2,573,303 - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
 - To provide direct support to students from 04/25/2020 to 04/24/2021
- PR/Award number: P425E202826 Supplemental Award
 - \$2,573,303 - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSAA) Act
 - To provide direct support to students from 01/01/2021-01/14/2022

Additionally, Delta College is receiving dollars to support its institution, which can also be allocated to support students as well. That includes:

- PR/Award number: P425F203939
 - \$2,573,303 – Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act
 - To provide institutional support to Delta College from 06/11/2020 to 06/10/2021

3. Total Distributed To Date

Delta College has distributed a total of \$5,364,800 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students as of the date of this report. \$2,233,000 was awarded prior to 12/31/2020 under CARES regulations and an additional \$3,131,800 was awarded in the quarter ended 03/31/2021 under CRRSAA award guidance. The total \$5,364,800 in awards was funded from the following sources:



- \$2,573,303 from #P425E202826 (student direct support) – CARES Act 04/25/2020 to 04/24/2021 (the original award of \$2,573,303 is now fully expended)
- \$350,276 from #P425F203939 (institutional support) – CARES Act 06/11/2020 to 06/10/2021 (the \$2,573,303 original CARES grant is now fully expended)
- \$2,441,221 from #P425E202826 (student direct support) – CRRSAA Act 01/01/2021-01/14/2022 (\$132,082 remains from the \$2,573,303 grant)

4. Estimated Number of Eligible Students

Delta College has determined that there were 5,595 students eligible to participate in 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 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. This number pertained to the original CARES guidance under which the College awarded student aid grants for Winter 2020, Spring 2020 and Fall 2020. Delta College identified another 6,643 students eligible to receive Emergency grants for the Winter 2021 semester.

5. Number of Student Awards

Delta College has awarded Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 9,171 students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. Those awards were to 2,543 students prior to 12/31/2020 and to 6,643 additional students from 01/01/2021 to 03/31/2021.

6. Determination/Selection Method Used

According to the updated guidance pertaining to Emergency Financial Aid Grants now awarded under CRRSAA, this funding is now available for nearly all students except for ineligible non US Citizens, and students no longer had to meet the Title IV eligibility requirements, as they did under CARES. Delta College identified 6,643 students eligible to receive Emergency grants for the Winter 2021 semester.

Delta College utilized its enterprise wide system, Ellucian, to help identify students who are eligible to receive CRRSAA funding. In the first quarter of 2021, Delta College developed the award structure below which prioritizes students based upon their financial need. It also aligns with the known U.S. Department of Education guidance, which has been received to date. Following are the categories of students:

- \$1,384,000 (1,730 students x \$800 each)
 - Students who had received a \$0 EFC, which indicates the highest financial need per FAFSA and Department of Education
 - considers household income, dependency, and persons in house
- \$674,400 (1,124 students x \$600 each)
 - Pell range EFC (\$1-\$5,711)
- \$631,200 (1,578 students x \$400 each)
 - students not eligible for Pell but may qualify for other forms of financial aid
- \$442,200 (2,211 students x \$200 each)
 - All other students who did not complete a FAFSA or have no EFC calculation



As allowed under the CRRSAA regulations, all categories of students, except those expressly listed as ineligible, were considered in our needs evaluation and granted awards. This included sponsored students, which includes Dual Enrolled high schools students. While the sponsors of these students may cover the majority of the student's tuition, fees and sometimes books, students also incur a variety of additional expenses associated with attending college including supplies, technology, transportation, food and lodging that are not covered by their sponsor, and these students may also have incurred other emergency costs as a result of COVID-19.


\$3,131,800 = Total spending on student emergency grants in winter semester, through a combination of CARES and CRRSAA funding, which affected 6,643 students.

- Based upon the criteria outlined above, award amounts were added onto student accounts utilizing a separate AR Code so that it would not get comingled with Tuition and Fee balances that a student might owe.
 - Students were not be able to see this funding reflected on their Delta College student account, due to the special coding.
- Students were sent an email, outlining the emergency grant to follow and the content of that message is included in item #7 on the next page.
- Student Billing staff subsequently mailed paper checks to students who are selected to receive grants.

7. **Student Communications**

Provide any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

The message below was sent out to students on Monday, 03/22/2021:


Delta College received federal funding from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) to provide financial assistance to our students who have been impacted by Coronavirus in many different ways. We are pleased to provide you with a grant in the form of a check, which will be mailed to you by the end of March 2021 at the address Delta College has on file for you.

Please log into your student account to verify the accuracy of your address information. If you need to make a change, please [submit a change of address form](#)

You may use these funds to assist with the cost of attending college or for emergency costs that may arise due to Coronavirus; examples would include tuition, books, food, housing, technology, healthcare and childcare.

Thank you

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Delta College's President, Dr. Jean Goodnow, then informed all faculty and staff on campus about the student emergency grant checks, in case anyone received questions from students. That message was sent out by Dr. Goodnow on Tuesday, 03/23/2021:

From: Goodnow, Jean - Staff jeangoodnow@delta.edu jeangoodnow@delta.edu
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 2:48 PM
To: Delta-L Delta-L@delta.edu
Subject: [Delta-L] Grant checks being sent to Delta College students

Good afternoon Pioneers,

In late December, Delta College again received federal grant funding through the U.S. Department of Education. The dollars were through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). We had to wait for further directions on the rules for spending and implementation, since there was a change in administrations.

The College assigned a team to review all federal guidance to ensure we remained compliant with all grant rules. That team also proposed an award structure which would be easy to implement and would prioritize those students with the greatest financial need. It also aligns with the known U.S. Department of Education guidance, which has been received to date.

Below is a copy of the email that was sent out to students yesterday regarding this funding. We have also [included information on our public website](#), in case you would like to read further details. There are over 6,500 students enrolled in winter 2021 who will be receiving a portion of over \$3.2 million, being sent via regular mail to our students by the end of March.

I want to thank the members of that team, who developed this method of distributing such a large amount of funding to our students in need. *CRRSAA Administrative Spending Team Members include: Sarah DuFresne, Angela Cramer, Pam Clark, Lisa Davis, Jon Foco, Greg Luczak, Daren Kench, Sue Paris*

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Delta College also developed a public website page, which explained the student emergency grants and included a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). The content of that site can be found on pages 5 and 6.



<https://www.delta.edu/coronavirus/student-emergency-fund.html>

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CRRSA ACT: EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Delta College received funding under the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, to provide emergency grants to students. The dollars are to help offset the costs associated with attending college or for emergency costs such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care.

Qualified students will not need to do anything to receive these funds, which will be distributed by check.

In accordance with Department of Education guidelines, Delta College will distribute CRRSA Act emergency grant funding for eligible students in the following manner:

- Students with a \$0 EFC (Expected Family Contribution) figure on their FAFSA, will receive \$800 each. These students have the highest financial need and are eligible to receive full Pell grants, according to the Department of Education.
- Students who are eligible for a Pell grant, but had an EFC above \$0, will receive \$600 each.
- Students whose FAFSA EFC was too high for a Pell grant award, but who may be eligible for other forms of financial aid, such as loans, will receive \$400 each.
- All other students who did not complete a FAFSA, or have no EFC calculation, will receive \$200 each.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – CRRSAA

Who is eligible?

In order to be eligible to be considered to receive funds, Delta College students:

- Must have been enrolled in the Winter semester, as of January 20, 2021
- Must be an eligible U.S. citizen

How can I use the funds?

Students may use these funds for any component of their cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus. Examples include tuition, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and childcare etc.



I did not complete the 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Can I still qualify for this funding?

Yes. The CRRSA Act does not require filing of the FAFSA form in order to be eligible to receive emergency grant funds. Award amounts to students for the winter 2021 were determined based on the College's records as of March 1, 2021 and will not be retroactively adjusted for FAFSA's filed after that date. We would encourage you to complete a FAFSA if you haven't already done so in the event that additional awards may be distributed in future semesters.

Are international students eligible for this funding?

Based on current U.S. Department of Education guidance, recipients must be U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens to receive CRRSA Act funds.

Are dual enrolled or early college students eligible for this funding?

Yes. Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) effective December 27, 2020, dual enrolled and early college students are eligible to receive emergency grant funds.

If the grant amount received did not meet the expenses I incurred, can I apply for additional funds?

No, additional funds will not be made available under an application process at this time.

How and when will I receive the funds?

The CRRSA Act grants will be processed by the Delta College Finance department and a check will be mailed to you by the end of March 2021 at the address Delta College has on file for you. Please log into your student account to verify the accuracy of your address information. If you need to make a change, please submit a [change of address form](#).

What if I owe Delta College for tuition or other expenses?

The full amount of the CRRSA Act grants will be given directly to the student and will not pay outstanding balances owed to the College. These funds cannot be used toward any outstanding balances without the student's consent. Any outstanding balance owed will remain the responsibility of the student.