

# EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID GRANT REPORT (CRRSAA AND ARP)

REPORT #1 | MARCH 31, 2021

The following report has been completed in accordance with <u>guidance</u> issued by the Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education on MaY 15, 2021\*.

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

The University of Mount Union submitted the required Grant <u>Certification and Agreement</u> via grants.gov on April 23, 2020. The University will comply with all guidance provided by the Department of Education.

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

The University of Mount Union received \$1,104,794 in aid from the Department of Education.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

As of March 31, the University of Mount Union has distributed \$692,821 to students.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

The estimated total number of students eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants was 2,178.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

As of March 31, the total number of students who have received Emergency Financial Aid grants is 428.

## 6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

The University of Mount Union's Office of Student Financial Aid has been working closely with various departments to ensure timely, accurate distribution of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to eligible students. The following details the institution's processes for eligibility determination and awarding of funds.

### Awarding Procedures

- Student completes online COVID-19 Funding Request form
- Award amount is determined by awarding matrix. Student will receive their requested amount, or the max grant amount indicated on award matrix, whichever is less. Awards in excess of the maximum grant amount on the matrix may be approved if the student's situation warrants an exception.
- Maximum amount per student is \$3,000. Awards in excess of the maximum grant amount may be approved if the student's situation warrants an exception.
- Financial aid contacts student with approved award amount and directions
- Financial aid disburses grant to student billing account
- Billing office refunds student in the form of check or direct deposit

## 7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

The application and all pertinent information distributed to students regarding Emergency Financial Aid Grants is posted <u>here</u>.

#### Notification

- Established a <u>COVID-19 Student Emergency Grants</u> web page, including an application form
- Sent emails students and other constituents
- Offered reminders via the institution's social media channels
- Contact student via email with approved award amount and directions

\*Please note that guidance was and continues to be updated on the COVID-19 webpage. The University of Mount Union will continue to monitor guidance and update reporting and distribution of funds accordingly.