



March 2, 2021

Dear CAU Students:

This is an update to the email sent to you on February 25, 2021. We are pleased to announce that the methodology has been finalized and we will be distributing the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), 2021 funds from the Federal Government to eligible students. As previously communicated, all of the funds will be disbursed to Title IV eligible students as Emergency Financial Aid Grants, with some exceptions noted below.

In this communication, we are sharing with you the following:

1. What students are eligible to receive funds.
 2. What students are not eligible to receive funds.
 3. What expenses can be covered with CRRSAA funds.
 4. How the funds will be disbursed to the students.
 5. When students can expect to receive allocated funds.
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1. What students are eligible to receive funds.

The U. S. Department of Education has set forth guidelines to which the University must adhere to determine grant eligibility:

- Students must be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended. For purposes of disbursement of these funds, the University will base determination of eligibility on the existence of each student's FAFSA for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- Students must be United States citizens (or eligible non-citizens).
- All students including those enrolled exclusively in distance education (online programs).
- Students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements, as outlined by Financial Aid guidelines.
- Students must be financially enrolled by **March 8, 2021**.

2. What students are not eligible to receive funds.

The following students are **not eligible** to receive emergency funds through the CRRSAA.

- Students selected for verification who did not complete the process and/or did not timely submit the required documentation.

3. What expenses can be covered under CRRSAA funds.

- Students may use funds for any component of their cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus such as tuition, food, housing, healthcare (including mental health care) or child care.
- Students can authorize the University to apply CRRSAA funds to their student account to offset any prior term institutional charges **incurred on or after December 27, 2020, and/or any current institutional charges**. Any excess funds remaining after applying to eligible charges will be distributed to the student.

4. How the funds will be disbursed to the students.

- Students identified by the Office of Financial Aid as Title IV eligible (as per the above guidelines) will receive funds via Bank Mobile (i.e. direct deposited into the personal checking account or to the Bank Mobile Vibe account) based upon the student refund preference selected.

5. When students can expect to receive allocated funds.

- Emergency financial aid grants will be disbursed to eligible students by **March 27, 2021**.

We appreciate your endurance and dedication to Clark Atlanta University; we are fully committed to assisting you whenever and however we can.

Warm regards,

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