

HEERF 2021 Q3 Report

Lawrence University Quarterly Report July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021

The Certification and Agreements for CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) funds provide that each institution applying for Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) must promptly and timely provide a detailed accounting of the use and expenditure of the funds in such manner and with such frequency as the Secretary may require. Each HEERF participating institution must post the information listed below on the institution's primary website, as an initial report under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs. This quarterly report is associated with the approved information collection under OMB control number 1801-0005.

In compliance with these requirements, the following is Lawrence University's quarterly report for the third quarter of 2021:

1. Lawrence University signed and returned to the Department of Education (DOE) the Certification and Agreement for HEERF awards. Lawrence assures that it has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
2. Lawrence University received \$578,814 from DOE on April 24, 2020, a second award of \$578,814 on January 17, 2021, and a third award of \$1,486,160 on May 15, 2021 for a total of \$2,643,788 pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. Lawrence University has distributed a total of \$1,778,362 to students under the CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of September 30, 2021, including \$418,350 during the third quarter of 2021.
4. Student Eligibility
 - For the **2019-20** academic year, we estimate 990 students were eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 during the 2019-20 academic year and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
 - For the **2020-21** academic year, we estimate 1,453 students were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.
 - For the current **2021-22** academic year, we estimate that 1,499 students were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.
5. As of September 30, 2021, a total of 912 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the CARES, CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs, consisting of the

following number of students: 363 during the 2019-20 academic year, 625 during the 2020-21 academic year, and 528 during the current 2021-22 academic year.

6. The methods used by Lawrence University to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs are as follows:

For Spring Term 2020:

In order to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants during Spring Term 2020, students completed the [Spring Term 2020 COVID-19 Emergency Grants application](#). To be eligible for funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, students must also have a valid 2019-20 FAFSA on file with the Lawrence University Financial Aid Office. The amount of the grant was based on the amount of eligible expenses reported on the application. Emergency grant amounts for Pell Grant recipients range from a minimum of \$1,250 to a maximum of \$2,500. For students who do not qualify for the Pell Grant, emergency grant amounts range from a minimum of \$250 to a maximum of \$2,500.

For Fall Term 2020:

In order to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants during Fall Term 2020, students completed the [Fall Term 2020 COVID-19 Emergency Grants application](#). To be eligible for funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, students must also have a valid 2020-21 FAFSA on file with the Lawrence University Financial Aid Office. The amount of the grant was based on the amount of eligible expenses reported on the application, which were limited to expenses for technology (laptop, internet, software) and housing. Emergency grant amounts ranged from a minimum of \$25 to a maximum of \$450.

For Winter Term 2021:

Students who received the Federal Pell Grant for the 2020-21 academic year received a \$500 HEERF II grant. Students with bank account information on file with the university—either with the Payroll Office or Student Accounts Office—had the payment deposited in their bank account. Students without bank account information on file with the university received an email with a link to [one question form](#) that asked if they wanted the HEERF II grant Emergency grant funding paid to them (electronic deposit or check) or applied directly towards their student account.

For Spring Term 2021 – Round 1

In order to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants during Spring Term 2021, students completed the [Spring Term 2021 COVID-19 Emergency Grants application](#). To be eligible for funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, students must also have a valid 2020-21 FAFSA on file with the Lawrence University Financial Aid Office. The amount of the grant was based on the amount of eligible expenses reported on the application. Emergency grant amounts were limited to a maximum of \$2,500.

For Spring Term 2021 – Round 2

In order to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants during Spring Term 2021, students completed the [Spring 2021 Emergency Grants Application #2](#). Eligible students were enrolled at Lawrence after March 13, 2020. Grant amounts ranged from \$200 to \$900 and were based on a budget of approximately \$200,000 in HEERF grant funding. Four tiers of funding were paid to students based on need quartiles using EFC for FAFSA filers and institutional needs analysis for non-FAFSA filers. The tiers were \$200, \$450, \$700, and \$900. Those with highest need received \$900 and those with the lowest need received \$200.

For Fall Term 2021

In order to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants during Fall Term 2021, students completed the 2021-2022 HEERF Grant Application to certify they had eligible expenses. Eligible students were enrolled at Lawrence for the current term. Grant amounts ranged from \$400 to \$1,000 and were based on a budget of approximately \$420,000 in HEERF III grant funding. Four tiers of funding were paid to students based on need quartiles using the EFC derived from the 2021-2022 FAFSA or, for non-FAFSA filers, institutional needs analysis. The tiers were \$400, \$650, \$850, and \$1,000. Those with highest need received \$1,000 and those with the lowest need received \$400.

7. The instructions, directions, or guidance provided to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants are as follows:

For Spring Term 2020:

Students were sent a [series of emails](#) and institutional announcements beginning May 1, 2020 encouraging them to apply by May 8, 2020 for priority consideration. A second reminder was sent on May 8, 2020 encouraging students to apply by May 18, 2020. The final deadline to apply for funding to cover expenses incurred during Spring Term 2020 was May 29, 2020. Emergency Financial Aid Grants are awarded on a first-come basis for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance) that were incurred during Spring Term 2020.

For Fall Term 2020:

Students were sent [an email on September 1, 2020](#) with instructions to apply by September 18, 2020. A message was also included in the [LU Insider on September 2, 2020](#).

For Winter Term 2021:

Federal Pell Grant recipients with bank account information on file with the university— either with the Payroll Office or Student Accounts Office—received an email on February 26, 2021 informing them of the upcoming \$500 payment to their bank account. Students without bank account information on file with the university received a separate email on February 26, 2021 with a link to [one question form](#) that asked if they wanted the HEERF II grant funding paid to them (electronic deposit or check) or applied directly towards their student account. Follow up emails were sent on March 9, 2021 and March 29 to students who did not respond to the single question form.

For Spring Term 2021 – Round 1:

Students were sent an email on February 26, 2021 with instructions to apply by March 19, 2021.

For Spring Term 2021 – Round 2:

Students were sent an email on May 28, 2021 with instructions to apply by June 13, 2021. An announcement was also shared campus-wide in the LU Insider.

For Fall Term 2021:

Students were sent an email on August 20, 2021 with instructions to apply by September 10, 2021. A separate email was sent to parents of enrolled students on August 27, 2021 informing them of the email sent to students. On September 8, 2021 an email was sent to students in the highest need quartile who had not submitted an application as of that date.

