

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students HEERF II- CRRSA Spring 2021

The University of Montana Western acknowledges that we have signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement assuring that we have and will use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004 (a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

The University of Montana Western has received a total amount of **\$582,451** CARES Act funds to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to our students.

As of **March 15, 2021**, the amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the 18004 (a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) is \$327,590.01.

The **initial** estimated number of students at The University of Montana Western who may be eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to under the Cares Act is **855**.

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) is **591**.

The method used by The University of Montana Western to determine which students were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much the students could receive of the Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) is:

- a. pulled report of all enrolled students with a 2020-2021 FAFSA on file (for Spring 2021)
- b. first Initial round of awards were given based on the student's FM Expected Family Contribution (EFC) & their enrollment at the time the award was made (no additional application required). Students must be in attendance at the time of their award to receive funds.
- c. first initial amounts awarded were based on a rubric ranging from \$100-\$1000 per student with the larger awards going to Pell eligible students. Students who were awarded less than the amount allowed based on the rubric were awarded the difference to get them to the award based on the criteria based on their area within the rubric
- d. reports will be run periodically to identify any new FAFSA submissions and awards will be based on the rubric ranges
- e. students will be allowed to submit an application requesting additional funds after the Initial awards are processed
- f. applications will be reviewed at least weekly to determine eligibility for awards
- g. **If funds remain after Spring 2021**, we will require students to have the 2021-2022 FAFSA on file for awarding Summer 2021 or Fall 2021
- h. Same rules above will apply for any future semester awards