

## CRRSAA ACT (HEERF II) Reporting Requirements

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The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020. In total, the CRRSAA authorizes \$81.88 billion in support for education, in addition to the \$30.75 billion expeditiously provided last spring through the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136.

St. Peter's Hospital College of Nursing and Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement to the Department on June 5th, 2020. At least 50 percent of the total allocation received under Section 18004(a) (1) of the funds will provide emergency aid to students.

### **Who is eligible to receive CRRSAA funding?**

- Application submission attesting to incurring unexpected expenses due to COVID-19.
- Matriculated during the Spring 2021 semester

Students were sent an e-mail that contained instructions on how to complete the grant application. The application was posted in the students MESA, online portal, to complete. Signs were posted on campus.

St. Peter's Health Partners Schools of Nursing understands you may have incurred expenses such as any component of the cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arose due to coronavirus, such as tuition & fees, school supplies, technology (including internet access, software, computer, etc.) food, housing, healthcare (including mental health care) and/or child care. If you have incurred additional expenses as described above and meet eligibility requirements, please complete the application located in MESA and return to student services. The application deadline was March 5th, 2021 and is no longer available.

### **What expenses can be covered with CRRSAA funding?**

Grants awarded are intended to reduce financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic, but in some instances will not fully resolve or remove the financial burden. Examples of COVID-19 related expenses eligible for grant consideration include, but are not limited to:

Any component of a student's Cost of Attendance:

Tuition

Food

Housing

Healthcare (including mental health)

Childcare

### **Can I use my CRRSAA payment towards a current/past due balance?**

Yes. Per federal guidance, emergency cash grants to students can be applied towards outstanding balances.

**How were CRRSAA awards for Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing determined? (Method used to determine awards)**

Based on the student allocation of \$55,317, four (4) tiered distribution block grants were created based on a student’s 2020-2021 Expected Family Contribution (EFC) prioritizing those students by greatest financial need. If no FAFSA was on file, the Financial Aid Director confirmed citizenship status with the admissions department and categorized need levels based on Tier 4. formula:

Tier	FAFSA EFC	# of Students	Amount	Total Amount
1	\$0	28	\$900	\$25,200
2	\$1-\$5,711	20	\$745.85	\$14,917
3	\$5,712-99999	27	\$437.50	\$11,812.50
4	No FAFSA	17	\$100	\$1,700

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under CRRSAA Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing has awarded and disbursed \$55,317 from the student portion as of March 12th, 2021.

Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing has received \$55,317 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.

**How many Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing students have been awarded CRRSAA?**

92 Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing students were estimated to be eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSAA and ARP(a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

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**How were awards for St. Peter’s Hospital College of Nursing determined? (Method used to determine awards)**

Based on the student allocation of \$42,272, four (4) tiered distribution block grants were created based on a student’s 2020-21 Expected Family Contribution (EFC) prioritizing those students by greatest financial need. If no FAFSA was on file, the Financial Aid Director confirmed citizenship status with the admissions department and categorized need levels based on Tier 4. formula:

Tier	FAFSA EFC	# of Students	Amount	Total Amount
1	\$0	21	\$901	\$18,921
2	\$1-\$5,711	21	\$700.50	\$14,710.50
3	\$5,712-99999	22	\$335	\$7,370
4	No FAFSA	11	\$115.50	\$1,270.50

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**How many Samaritan Hospital School of students have been awarded CRRSAA?**

75 students were estimated to be eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSAA and ARP(a)(1) and (a)(4) programs

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