

CRRSA Act: Emergency Funds for Eligible Students

About the CRRSA Act

Under the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, Kellogg Community College has received approximately \$1 Million in funds to provide emergency grants to students to help offset the costs associated with attending an institution of higher education or for emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus. Eligible expenses include tuition, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a degree or certificate seeking student enrolled in the Spring 2021 semester as of February 8, 2021
- Must have incurred expenses related to higher education or emergency costs associated with the Coronavirus pandemic
- Must be an eligible US citizen

CRRSA Act FAQ's:

Do I qualify to receive emergency grant funds under the CRRSA Act and how much will I receive? Will I also qualify for the \$35 per credit hour online fee reimbursement?

The hyperlinks posted on the main landing page (kellogg.edu/coronavirus/cares-act) under the 'Who Is Eligible' section contain the semester specific eligibility requirements and award amounts for each eligibility group according to the Department of Education program guidelines.

Are dual enrolled or middle college students eligible for this funding?

Yes. Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) effective December 27, 2020, dual enrolled and early college students are eligible to receive emergency grant funds.

Are international students eligible for this funding?

Based on current U.S. Department of Education guidance, recipients must be U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens to receive CRRSA Act funds.

I am enrolled in a fully online program for the 2021 spring semester. Can I still qualify for this funding?

Yes. Unlike the CARES Act which excluded enrollment in online programs, the CRRSA Act states students enrolled in online programs are eligible to receive emergency grant funds.

How can I use the funds?

Students may use these funds for any component of their cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus. Examples includes tuition, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and childcare etc.

I did not complete the 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Can I still qualify for this funding?

Yes. The CRRSA Act does not require filing of the FAFSA form in order to be eligible to receive emergency grant funds.

If the grant amount received did not meet the expenses I incurred, can I apply for additional funds?

No. Unlike the CARES Act, additional funds will not be made available under an application process. 100% of KCC's grant award will be disbursed to students through the emergency grants and online fee reimbursements leaving no additional funds available.

How and when will I receive the funds?

The CRRSA Act grants will be processed by the Financial Aid office. KCC will disburse the emergency grant funds the week of February 15. The online fee reimbursements will be process by the Business Office with disbursements scheduled for the week of March 15.

Grant amounts will be direct deposited into bank accounts of students who are enrolled in direct deposit. Students without direct deposit will receive a refund check in the mail.

Direct deposit can be set up by logging in to the Bruin Portal, selecting Banking Information from the menu screen and clicking Add an Account.

Southern Michigan Bank & Trust has agreed to cash checks fee free for KCC students with a valid government issued id who do not have access to bank accounts.

Do I need to apply for loans or other aid?

No

What if I owe KCC for tuition or other expenses?

The funds will pass through the student account, but the full amount of the CRRSA Act grants will be given directly to the student and will not pay outstanding balances owed to the College. These funds cannot be used toward any outstanding balances without the student's consent. Any outstanding balance owed will remain the responsibility of the student.

Who do I contact with questions?

Questions can be emailed to the Business Office at busoffice@kellogg.edu or the Financial Aid Office at finaid@kellogg.edu for assistance.

What other resources are available?

If you need help with resources for food, housing, and/or financial assistance, please consider reaching out to the KCC Foundation at <http://www.kellogg.edu/about/foundation/> for more information. Limited resources are available through the Beyond Tuition grant program.