

# Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Reporting

## Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students

The following information is provided to comply with the reporting requirements of the Department of Education's Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II), which 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. This information is limited to CRRSAA Act funding and does not include grant programs utilizing institutional funds.

### Reporting as of: July 28, 2021

Polaris Career Center submitted a Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020. Pursuant to this agreement, Polaris Career Center assures that no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA are being used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Polaris Career Center was allocated \$115,723 from the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA as of June 30, 2021 is \$115,723.04. Polaris Career Center will report updates every calendar quarter, as awarding emergency funds continues.

The total number of students at the institution eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314(a)(a) of the CRRSAA was 158.

The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA was 133. Polaris Career Center continues to award emergency funds.

Polaris Career Center has established an application process for students to request funds for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA. The Emergency Grant Form was available to all students. Award amounts are determined by Polaris Career Center based upon an individualized review of the student emergency grant application in accordance with guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Education. As of June 30, 2021, the average amount awarded to a student is \$921.

Polaris Career Center announced the availability of emergency grants under the CRRSAA via in-person classroom visits between March 23-25, 2021, to all students. Students received follow-up emails to remind them of the grant availability. These student notifications include information that funds may be used for allowable expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care expenses. Polaris Career Center students can visit the Polaris Career Center [Financial Aid webpage](#) for additional information and specific guidance regarding Emergency Financial Aid Grants, including to review program information, eligibility requirements and directions for applying.