

## Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II Report – CRRSAA

### Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

May 26, 2021

**Evergreen Beauty and Barber College** (OPE ID: 012496) received education stabilization funds under section 314 (a)(1) of CRRSAA. This Fund Report applies to the student portion received under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (CRRSAA) that is designated exclusively for emergency financial aid grants to students.

The institution has received these funds and is distributing them in accordance with the CRRSAA and implementing guidance.

The institution is making the below information available for transparency purposes and in compliance with the U.S. Department of Education's ("Department") Electronic Announcement of May 13, 2021. For questions or concerns regarding this Fund Report, please contact Frank Trieu, VP Business Development, at frank@evergreenbeauty.edu.

1. The institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program is \$55,688.
3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter) is \$55,688.
4. The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program is 40.
5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program is 39.
6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA (a)(1) program (see Appendix).
7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

## **Appendix: Guide for the Distribution of Student Grants under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund**

The US government has expanded on the emergency funds available to students through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021, also known as the CRRSA Act. The available funds are also known as HEERF II, or Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II funds.

The institution has currently been authorized to disburse to students for any component in the students Cost of Attendance. This includes room, board, transportation and personal expenses or expenses due to COVID. In addition, the funds may be used for tuition and fees but only with the express written consent of the student. The school will accept from a student an attestation as selected by the student if they want to designate the funds be applied to their tuition and fee account.

### Student Eligibility:

Unlike the HEERF I from the CARES Act, 2020; students do not have to be Title IV-eligible to receive HEERF II. Therefore, student eligibility requirements under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, do not apply when awarding HEERF II.

Currently the USDE does not interpret undocumented students; Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students; and international students to qualify as eligible students for CRRSA Act funding. If the student has **not** filed for a FAFSA to determine if the student meets citizenship/registered non-citizen status, the student must: Complete a FAFSA for determination **or** submit documentation to substantiate citizenship/registered non-citizen status and the school will review for approval. Alternatively, the student may submit a WASFA application in consideration for state funding which does verify state residency and need.

CRRSA Act emergency student funding is only available to students that are enrolled and attending classes as of 04/05/2021-04/09/2021. Students on an Approved Leave of Absence are also eligible based on the above selection criteria review.

The institution will not discriminate in the awarding of CRRSAA grant funds and will evaluate students prioritizing Pell Eligible students and all students on their need to cover cost of attendance expenses.

Each student will be eligible for only one grant unless additional funding becomes available, and only one application will be considered per student. Students must sign an acknowledgement that they have been affected by COVID and use of the funds will be used to cover expenses related to the disruption of the campus operations due to the coronavirus. These include eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and childcare. Student acknowledgment forms will be posted to the student portal and an email will be

sent to all students in cohort informing them on how to access the application and applicable timelines.

Methodology of grant amount:

Grant amounts were determined based on the "HEERF II Allocations for Proprietary Institutions under CRRSAA section 314(a)(4)" divided by the eligible cohort of students per OPEID. It is the intent of this institution to prioritize HEERF II funds to students whom demonstrate exceptional financial need, such as students who receive Federal Pell Grants. Students who are not eligible to receive Federal Pell Grants may still be eligible for the HEERF II funds depending upon the student population.

Students shall be responsible for certifying that they have been affected by COVID-19 and have need.

Disbursement of Funds:

In order to aid with the distribution of the funds, students may elect to have their HEERF II funds directly applied to their tuition and fees account. Furthermore, we will be utilizing EFT as the primary method of delivery. For individuals whereby EFT is not available, checks will be delivered to the campus by May 5, 2021 and available for personal pickup. We ask that individuals be mindful of social distancing standards. Concurrently fund distribution via EFT will also be available starting April 30, 2021 and student who have elected to have their funds applied directly towards their account will also see those payments applied.

Student Acknowledgement:

Students will be required to attest receipt of funds along with the acknowledgement recognizing these funds are to be used to cover expenses related to the disruption of the campus operations due to the coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care.)

Should a student self-declare that they are not in significant financial need, these funds may be returned to EBC to reallocate among additional students who showcase additional need as determined on a case-by-case basis. EBC will not at the request of the student redirect their funds to a particular student in need.

Furthermore, any funds returned (due to inaccurate EFT information, checks not cashed before May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.), EBC will make our best attempt to contact the student by May 31, 2021. Thereafter the funds will be returned to our Emergency Grant Account to consider the needs of additional students. Funds remaining in the Emergency Grant Account after June 15, 2021 shall be returned to the U.S. Department of Education and or State of Washington.

The institution will **not** (1) condition the receipt of financial aid grants to students on continued or future enrollment in the institution, (2) use the financial aid grants to satisfy a student's outstanding account balance, unless it has obtained the student's written (or electronic) consent, or (3) require such consent as a condition of receipt of or eligibility for the financial aid grant.

**NOTE:** HEERF grants are not Title IV funds, so Title IV awarding/packaging rules do not apply. It is understood based on released guidance from the USDE that HEERF II grants are not treated as estimated financial assistance (EFA) when packaging students. Likewise, HEERF II grants are not treated as taxable income or untaxed income for Title IV federal student aid purposes.