

## **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act Emergency Grants to Students Report**

Nebraska Wesleyan University

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This report provides details on the allocation Nebraska Wesleyan University received under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund for Emergency Grants to Students as part of Section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA).

1. As a recipient of funding from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund under the CARES Act, Nebraska Wesleyan University was not required to complete a certification form to receive an award under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA. Nebraska Wesleyan's CRRSAA Emergency Grants to Students allocation was processed on 1/19/2021 as a supplement to Award No. P425E201896-20A. Pursuant to the agreement, NWU will use the same dollar amount on CRRSAA student grants as it was required to spend under the CARES Act.
2. Nebraska Wesleyan University received \$691,376 for Emergency Grants to Students under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA This is the same amount of funding required for student grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
3. As of 3/31/2021, Nebraska Wesleyan had distributed \$691,376 in emergency grants to 1,180 students using funds from Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA. No jobs were created or retained with grant funds and no subcontracts were awarded.
4. As of 3/31/2021, Nebraska Wesleyan had an estimated 1,383 students in the spring 2021 semester eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. According to U.S. Department of Education guidelines, institutions may award CRRSAA emergency grants to students who are Title IV eligible, non-degree seeking, non-credit, dual enrollment, continuing education students, as well as students who are qualified under Section 1641 of 8 U.S.C.
5. As of 3/31/2021, a total of 1,180 students had received a CRRSAA emergency grant.
6. Nebraska Wesleyan awarded CRRSAA emergency grants using a direct allocation method to students enrolled in the spring 2021 semester who qualified for need-based aid, as indicated by the 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Nebraska Wesleyan prioritized students with exceptional need when setting award amounts for emergency grants (e.g., Pell Grant eligible students). Larger amounts were awarded to students with greater need. Students were given the option to apply the emergency grant to the unpaid balance of their student account or to receive the funds directly. Students wishing to apply the funds to their student account were required to submit affirmative

consent by March 24, 2021. If the student did not affirm using the consent form, the funds were paid directly to the student via direct deposit or a check.

7. Instructions were provided to students via the NWU [COVID-19 Update webpage](#) and via email.
  - Information posted to the COVID-19 Update webpage, including frequently asked questions document (3/17/2021)
  - Email sent to students receiving a CRRSAA emergency grant, including the grant amount and instructions for selecting a disbursement method (3/17/2021)
  - Email sent to all employees announcing the emergency grant process (3/18/2021)