

**Notre Dame of Maryland University  
CRRSA –Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II**

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), was passed December 27, 2020 and authorized the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II.

As a part of the previous Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Securities (CARES) Act, Notre Dame of Maryland University (“NDMU” or “the University”) signed and returned a Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students on April 10, 2020. An updated Certification and Agreement for HEERF II was automatically approved upon drawing down funds.

NDMU received \$484,725 from the U.S. Department of Education (“USDE”) to award Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

As of June 30, 2021, NDMU has distributed \$485,500 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students from the “Student Aid Portion” of funds received from USDE, as well as \$775 from the “Institutional Portion” of funds received from USDE (\$487,000 total).

NDMU estimates that at the time of awarding 1,099 students in the Women’s College, College of Adult Undergraduate, College of Graduate and Professional Studies (including School of Pharmacy) and NDMU Online filed a FAFSA and thus were eligible under the program.

As of June 30, 2021, NDMU has distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants to 531 students.

NDMU distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA based on financial need. All undergraduate students, except NDMU Online, who filed a FAFSA received a check via mail or direct deposit for between \$250 and \$1,500. Disbursed amounts varied by EFC with \$0 EFC students receiving \$1,500; EFCs between \$1-\$10,000 receiving \$750; EFCs between \$10,001 and \$20,000 receiving \$500; and EFCs at or over \$22,001 receiving \$250.

NDMU students who received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant were provided with an email which included the following guidance: “...institutions of higher education were provided with funding to provide emergency financial aid grants to students to be used for any component of a student’s cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to COVID-19, such as tuition, food, housing, healthcare, or childcare.” Additionally, the University informed students that Emergency Financial Aid Grants were “NOT taxable”. Students were informed of the ability to opt-in via NDMU’s web portal to apply Emergency Financial Aid Grant funds to their student account. Students were informed that “If you are an eligible student and do not want to have these funds applied to your student account, no action is required”.

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