

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) (HEERFII) Funds for Students

About CRRSAA HEERFII Funding

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II ([CRRSAA HEERFII](#)) 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.

The purpose of the student grants is to provide financial aid grants to students which may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare.

Was Warren Wilson College included in this Funding Allocation Under the CRRSAA HEERFII Funding?

Yes, in January, the College received notification and information about the CRRSAA HEERFII funding. We must comply with the Department of Education's requirement that Warren Wilson College will provide the same amount of funding in financial aid grants to students as was required to be provided under sections 18004 (a) (1) and (c) of division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). This amount is \$388,269.

In addition, the college must certify that they have continued to pay all eligible employees and contractors during the period of disruptions or closures to the greatest extent practicable. We have also complied with this stipulation to the greatest extent practicable.

What Kinds of Expenses are these CRRSAA HEERF II Grants to cover?

The funds may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

What are the Eligibility Criteria?

Students who meet all criteria below are eligible for the CRRSAA HEERFII student grants:

1. Working towards an undergraduate degree at Warren Wilson College
2. Enrolled for Spring 2021 after official census day, in at least one course

Per the US Department of Education, international, DACA or undocumented students are not eligible to receive CRRSAA HEERFII student grants as of the date of this writing.

How Much Will I Receive?

The CRRSAA HEERFII requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants, in awarding financial aid grants to students. Students do not need to be Pell recipients in order to receive a financial aid grant. Full-time students with Pell Grants will receive \$780 and those who are not Pell recipients and full-time will receive \$649. Part time students will receive a prorated share based on credit hours attending and whether Pell or non-Pell recipient.

Are there any actions required of those eligible?

Students do not need to take any action to receive these grant funds.

When will I receive these funds if I am eligible?

Our goal is to process these grants and prep checks by April 16, 2021 for delivery.

How will I receive these funds if I am eligible?

Residential student checks will be delivered to the Campus Post Office boxes and those off campus will be mailed to the address on file.

What if I currently owe tuition or other expenses to Warren Wilson College?

The full amount of the CRRSAA HEERFII student grants will be given directly to eligible students and will not pay any outstanding balances due to Warren Wilson College. Any outstanding balances remain the responsibility of the student.

Please contact Student Accounts, studentaccounts@warren-wilson.edu, to discuss payment of your balance.

If I am eligible for the CRRSAA HEERFII student grant, is it taxable?

No. These financial aid grants under this program are deemed not taxable.

If I am eligible, will I need to repay this CRRSAA HEERFII student grant?

No, this one-time grant received under the CRRSAA HEERFII funding does not need to be repaid.