

Coronavirus Response and Relief Appropriations (CRRSA) Act

CRRSA Student Aid

On December 27, 2020, the President signed the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA), 2021. This new law gives the U.S. Department of Education approximately \$22.7 billion to distribute to institutions of higher education in order to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). Similar to the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act enacted on March 27, 2020, the **CRRSA** Act includes funding for grant aid to students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which can be used for any component of the student's costs of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care. Unlike the CARES Act, the CRRSA Act requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need and authorizes grants to students exclusively enrolled in distance education.

Eligibility and Requirements

- Satisfactorily attending spring 2021 in an approved degree or credential.
- US citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Have a high school credential.
- Pell recipient enrolled in 12 semester credit hours or more.
- Be in good Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standing.
- Financial need that arise due to coronavirus and impacted the student's costs of attendance or emergency costs such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care.
- While the federal government has stated that a student does not need to be "pell-eligible" to receive CRRSA funds, it is a requirement by the 1996 Welfare reform law that the recipients may not be international students or DACA.

How do I apply?

Due to inclement weather over the past week, notification to eligible students has been moved from February 12, 2021 to **February 25, 2021**. Eligible students will be notified to their Navarro email with a link to the application. Applications will be reviewed weekly

based on the order they are received. Federal funds are limited and awards will be based on funding available.

How much will I receive?

We are committed to assisting all eligible students that may have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic to the greatest extent possible with the CRRSA Act funds available. You should request funds based on your actual financial need for expenses due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, childcare, and tuition. The actual amount each student will receive is based on need, the number of applications received and the funds available. Grant aid does not require repayment will not interfere with current financial aid.

How will I receive this money?

Grant aid will be distributed to the refund option you selected on BankMobile. For more information, visit refundselection.com.

Do I need to repay for any money received through this fund?

No, you will not need to repay any money received through this fund.

Can I apply for funding more than once?

You can only apply once a semester for CARES and CRRSA Act funds.

Does this funding affect my other financial aid?

No. This is a special grant to help you continue your education despite the impact of the coronavirus, and it will not have any impact on other financial aid you may be eligible to receive.

What if I applied for the CARES Act - Round Three?

The third round of the CARES Act Emergency Aid closed on January 16, 2021 at 12 pm (Noon). This round will provide financial aid grants to qualified students who satisfactorily attending spring 2021. Federal funds are limited and awards will be based on the number of qualified applicants, total amounts requested, and funding available. Priority will be given to students who are enrolled in 15 semester credit hours or more. All students who applied for this round will be notified by e-mail no later than Friday, February 12, 2021. Grant aid

will be distributed to the refund option you selected on BankMobile. For more information, visit refundselection.com.

Round Three Timeline:

Application Opens	Monday, November 2, 2020
Application Deadline	12:00 p.m. CST on Saturday, January 16, 2021
Notification of Awards	by Friday, February 12, 2021
Disbursement of Grants	by Friday, February 19, 2021

If you missed the deadline and need additional support, please visit Bulldog Life. Navarro College's Bulldog Life student success services includes opportunities to grow personally as you pursue your educational goals at Navarro College. Opportunities include workshops to learn more about your personal gifts and skills, travel opportunities, and our culture of caring through efforts to support you mentally, spiritually, and physically. In addition, [Bulldog Life](#) provides resources and personal support to launch you into your dream job, university, and/or career with Bulldog Pride! Learn even more by visiting the [Bulldog Life](#) website. This program is available to all students of Navarro College through intentional initiatives that support student success outcomes.

Contact Information

For all other questions regarding Navarro College CARES Act Emergency Aid, please e-mail caresact@navarrocollege.edu