

Mississippi Valley State University
Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund- Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students Report as of
March 31, 2021

Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) acknowledges that, on April 13, 2020, it signed and returned the Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CARES Act. Due to signing this agreement, the University was not required to sign the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Supplemental Agreement. Under the terms of the Supplemental Grant Funds for Students Agreement, MVSU agreed to be bound by the conditions set forth in that agreement by drawing down the grant funds.

Mississippi Valley State University received \$1,539,915 in Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) – Student Aid, which is the same amount received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act (HEERF I) to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.

As of March 31, 2021, MVSU was in the process of identifying eligible students to award Emergency Financial Aid Grants to; however, there were no Emergency Financial Aid Grant funds awarded under Public Law 116-136 of the student portion of \$1,539,915 between January 1, 2021 and March 31, 2021.

MVSU estimates that 1,669 students at the institution were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under the CRRSAA program.

MVSU made several attempts to notify students of their potential eligibility of the grant funds; however, the notifications did not garner enough of a response to award the funds prior to March 31, 2021. MVSU is preparing to make its awards for Spring 2021 beginning in April 2021. The anticipated initial award amounts are expected to be \$1,000 and \$847 depending on the EFC. Awards are expected to be based on students with a 0 EFC receiving the maximum award of \$1,000 and EFC ranges 1 or greater or students without an EFC will receive \$847. Eligible students enrolled in Spring 2021 will be identified and will be awarded \$1,000 or \$847 as quickly as possible.

Students were provided with instructions and guidance through several announcements through email, text messages, and various social media outlets. Unlike HEERF I, students will be given the opportunity to authorize MVSU to apply their HEERF II funds directly to their student account to cover any current outstanding balance.

The CRRSAA survey is accessible through the University home page by clicking on the CRRSAA Emergency Relief Funding Banner that directed students to <https://www.mvsu.edu/spring-2021-coronavirus-response-and-relief-supplemental-appropriations-act-crrsaa>.

A designated email account, crrsaa@mvsu.edu, was created to respond to student inquiries.