



**CARES Act, CRRSAA, and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Funding  
 (HEERF I, HEERF II, HEERF III)**

**Under Section 18004(a)(1)  
 Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund 50% for Student Aid**

**September 30, 2021  
 Federal Fiscal Q3**

1. Gina Puc, authorized representative of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (MCLA), acknowledged and signed the Certification and Agreement on April 15, 2020 assuring that the institution intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. MCLA has received \$3,293,941 from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, supplemental CRRSSA, and American Rescue Plan Act funding is \$1,446,348 through September 30, 2021.
4. The total number of students at MCLA eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, supplemental CRRSSA, and American Rescue Plan Act was 1,136 in the 2019-2020 award year, 909 in 2020-2021 award year, and 316 in the 2021-2022 award year to date.
5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, supplemental CRRSSA, and American Rescue Plan is 1,132 as of September 30, 2021.
6. The following methods were used by MCLA to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, supplemental CRRSAA, and American Rescue Plan Act funds.
  - a. For the original \$654,699 funding under CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1), students were asked to apply for funding through an application process. That process is described in prior quarterly reporting. Students also received block grants determined through a student's estimated family contribution (EFC).
  - b. For HEERF II funding received through the CARES Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), students received funding based on a student's 2020-2021 Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Part-time students received a pro-rated amount with students enrolled for 1-5 credits receiving 25% of their EFCs ranges award; students enrolled for 6-8 credits receiving 50%, and students enrolled for 9-11 credits receiving 75%. Students were marked as ineligible if they had select discipline items.

Block Grant Awards for full-time students were determined as follows:

<b>EFC Range</b>	<b>Block Award</b>	<b>Total Students</b>
\$0 to \$2,855 (Pell)	\$1,065	329
\$2,856 to \$5,711 (Pell)	\$990	81
\$5,712 to \$11,422	\$805	146
\$11,423 to \$17,133	\$630	66
Over \$17,133	\$370	213
No Reported EFC	\$220	74

**Note:** Remaining funds totaled \$62.75 that were provided to 22 out-of-state students that were not eligible for the NEBHE rate. Part-time students were pro-rated as they were in the original block award allocation. In total, eight students received \$5; two students received \$4; three students received \$3; one student received \$2; and seven students received \$1.

- c. For HEERF III funding received through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, HEERF emergency

financial aid grants have been awarded based on a student’s 2020-2021 (summer) Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and the student’s 2021-2022 EFC. Part-time students received a pro-rated amount with students enrolled for 1-5 credits receiving 25% of their EFC range; students enrolled for 6-8 credits receiving 50%; and student enrolled 9-11 credits receiving 75%.

Block Grant Awards for full-time students were determined as follows:

EFC Range	Block Award	Total Students
\$0 to \$2,923 (Pell)	\$750	102
\$2,923.01 to \$5,846 (Pell)	\$700	30
\$5,846.01 to \$11,692	\$600	38
\$11,692.01 to \$17,133	\$450	23
Over \$17,133	\$250	53
No Reported EFC	\$125	70

**Note:** Student count includes students registered for fall 2021 and registered for summer 2021 at undergraduate and graduate level. No adjustments were made for in state or out-of-state students.

7. MCLA students received email notifications to their mcla.edu account regarding availability of grant funds through CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1) including CARES Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), and American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) of 2021.
  - a. For the original \$654,699 funding under CARES Act Section 18004(a)(1), students received multiple email notifications regarding availability of grant funds with the link to the application to apply for funding. That process and determination is described in prior quarterly reporting.
  - b. For HEERF II funding received through the CARES Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), students received email notification describing they had been approved for funding to assist with costs related to the disruption of campus operations due to the pandemic. It notes that grants may be used for any component of the student’s cost 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.
  - c. For HEERF III funding received through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, students received email notification describing they had been approved for funding to assist with costs related to the disruption of campus operations due to the pandemic. It notes that grants may be used for any component of the student’s cost 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.