

# **Lycoming College CRRSAA Student Aid Report – October 7, 2021**

In accordance with Section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (“HEERF II”) and the guidance issued by the United States Department of Education, including Office of Postsecondary Education’s guidance dated May 6, 2020, Allegheny College submits this report concerning the award Allegheny College received under HEERF II consisting of funds for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

## **1. Acknowledgement of Funding and Certification**

Lycoming College reviewed, signed, and returned the U.S. Department of Education’s Certification and Agreement for HEERF I (CARES Act) funds on April 27, 2020, and we received a grant award notification for CRRSAA funds on January 1, 2021. As required by the certification, Lycoming College provided the same amount in financial aid grants to students from Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA funds that it was required to provide under its original CARES Act Student Aid Portion award.

## **2. Funds Awarded for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students**

Lycoming College received \$696,329 under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA designated for distribution to students with exceptional financial need.

## **3. Emergency Financial Aid Grants Distributed to Students to Date Under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA**

Of the \$696,629 Lycoming College received under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA designated for distribution to students with exceptional financial need, Lycoming College has distributed \$449,623 as of the date of this report.

## **4. Eligible Students**

Lycoming College identified 426 high-need students as of the date of this report and who, thus, were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA.

## 5. Eligible Students Receiving CRRSAA Aid

As of the date of this report, Lycoming College has distributed funds it received under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA designated for distribution to students with exceptional financial need to 319 students.

## 6. Distribution Method

### Funds Already Distributed

To qualify for Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA, Lycoming College students must have demonstrated financial need either through their Expected Family Contribution as calculated by their 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or their cumulative 2020-2021 student loan debt.

Of those students who qualified and distributions have been made, Lycoming College has provided grant awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,889 to those students based upon the student's specific financial need due to COVID.

## 7. Communication to Students Concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants

To distribute this grant Lycoming College emailed all 426 high-need students on March 3, 2021, the following information.

Dear Lycoming College Student,

We are writing to make you aware that as a Pell Grant recipient, possible federal grant funding may be available to you if you are having difficulty in paying your educational expenses this current spring semester. The name of this grant is The Federal Covid Student Relief Grant (CRRSAA). If, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, you are having difficulty paying for expenses such as books, payment plan obligations, your student account balance or other school related expenses, please contact BOTH Jim Lakis, Director of Financial Aid, and Cynthia Springman, Bursar, by clicking [here](#).

As briefly but concisely as possible, please let us know in your email how the pandemic has affected your ability to meet your educational expenses. Expenses such as tuition, fees, housing, books and supplies, transportation costs, medical and childcare expenses can be considered. It may help us if you can provide the costs of any of the expenses that you have.

Amounts of individual grants will be partially determined by the results of your 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and the information you provide in your email to us. The minimum and maximum grant amounts will vary depending on the number of requests and the severity of the student's existing financial situation brought on by the pandemic. Our intention is to assist as many students as possible while being sensitive to those with extraordinary need, in accordance with the U.S. Department of Education's guidance.

A response to any request will be made as quickly as possible. We do appreciate your patience, however, as we attempt to review each request and make determinations as equitably as we can. Of course, if you have questions, please contact the Bursar or Financial Aid Office.