

CRRSA Act Emergency Grants to Students

Northern State University has entered into an agreement with the US Department of Education by signing and returning a Certification and Agreement to receive funding through the CRRSA Act (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act). The institution has agreed to provide at least 50% of the funds received through the CRRSA Act as Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. NSU received \$329,889 to be disbursed as Emergency Grants to Students.

In order to apply for an Emergency Grant, a student must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Be currently enrolled for the 2021 Spring Semester
- Have a 2020-21 FAFSA submitted to NSU showing US citizenship
- Be a degree-seeking student

Based on the eligibility requirements for the program listed above, there are 1091 students enrolled during the 2021 Spring Semester who may qualify to receive these funds.

Students who meet the above requirements were sent an email from the NSU Financial Aid Office with a link to the online application. Students must submit the online application, answering the questions in reference to the type of expenses incurred and an estimated dollar amount of those expenses. An institutional committee will review the applications and determine a dollar amount to award, taking into consideration funding availability and student requests. Award amounts will range from \$250-\$1,250 with exceptions made for extraordinary circumstances.

Emergency Grant awards are to be used by students for students' cost of attendance or for any expenses due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care, and child-care expenses.

As of March 31, 2021, NSU has disbursed \$369,000 in Emergency Grants to 446 students. The student portion of NSU's CRRSAA funding has been fully disbursed.