

## **Public Reporting – Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) and Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Student Aid Portion**

Information as of March 31, 2021

### 1. Certification and Agreement

Loma Linda University acknowledges it has signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or 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. Total Funds Received

Loma Linda University was allocated \$888,759 on May 21, 2020 and \$888,759 on January 17, 2021 for a total of \$1,777,518 from the Department for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

### 3. Amount of Grants Awarded

As of March 31, 2021, Loma Linda University has distributed \$1,545,439 of Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

### 4. Eligible Students

The estimated total number of students at Loma Linda University eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act is 3,800. The estimated total number of students at Loma Linda University eligible to receive Emergency financial Aid Grants to student under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA is 4,365.

### 5. Number of Grants Awarded

Loma Linda University has awarded 2,057 students grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act and has awarded 438 students grants under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA.

### 6. Disbursement Plan

For funds distributed under Section 18004 (a)(1) of the CARES Act, students enrolled in on-campus programs or courses received a scholarship of \$320 each. The amount was loosely based on the approximate quarterly per student cost for certain services and resources that the student would be unable to benefit from due to the transition to online education. Approximately 75% of the emergency aid was utilized for this purpose. In addition, students with specific needs submitted an application for the Grant aid. For this second group, award amounts were based on the student's request not to exceed \$6,000.

For funds distributed under Section 314 (a)(1) of CRRSAA, these grants must go to students with “Exceptional Need.” Therefore, undergraduate students who are either a current or prior Pell Grant recipient were offered a grant of \$1,500 each for use toward emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, healthcare, or childcare. Students were given the choice to apply the grant to their student account or have the funds sent to them via direct deposit or check.

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

For funds distributed under Section (a)(1) of the CARES Act:

*In the coming days, Loma Linda University expects to receive the funding allocated to assist students through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, passed by the U.S. Congress on March 27. We are writing today to let you know how the money will be distributed to our students.*

*The CARES Act specifies that funds, in the way of direct cash grants, should be used to assist students with “expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.” While the legislation limits eligibility for CARES Act funds to only students eligible to receive federal financial aid, excluding assistance to DACA and international students, the University will use its own funds to pay the same level of aid to other eligible students as outlined below.*

*Most students who paid an enrollment fee for spring term will receive a COVID-19 Online Transition Scholarship of \$320 to assist with costs associated with the transition to online learning.*

*No application is required; the funds will be applied based on the funding source as follows:*

- *Federal CARES Act Funds – direct deposit (if available, please ensure this is set up by the instructions below), or via check to student’s mailing address.*
  - **Direct Deposit Set-up:** *Please enter your direct deposit banking information by logging into Banner Web using your LLU Student Services login, select the “Finance Menu”, then select the “Account withdrawals Menu”, and finally select the “Set Up Direct Deposit for Future Withdrawals” menu. You will need to provide you bank routing number, bank account number and the type of account you have.*
- *LLU Institutional Aid – students will be able to request a withdrawal if no balance is due on their student account.*

*The health, well-being and security of our students remains our utmost priority. While no amount of funding could compensate for the full burden experienced by so many of our students and families in the disruption of campus operations, we hope the awarding of this scholarship will assist many of our students with their continuing educational journey at LLU.*

*If you have questions about CARES Act funding, please email [finaid@llu.edu](mailto:finaid@llu.edu).*

## *OTHER STUDENTS WITH FINANCIAL HARDSHIP*

*We recognize that any student, regardless of degree program or previously demonstrated financial need, may have additional expenses and financial need that qualify for CARES Act funds, or for institutional support for those students who are not eligible for CARES Act funds. Hence, we have created an application to cover eligible expenses related to the disruption of campus operations; these expenses might include course materials, technology, transportation, food, or housing. **To apply, please click here.***

*Aid may come in a variety of forms, including grants, loans and/or campus and community resources.*

***If you have already applied for emergency funds, the Financial Aid Office will be contacting you shortly.***

For funds distributed under Section 314 (a)(1) of CRRSAA:

*Dear [Student]:*

*The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 included additional COVID-19 relief through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act. This new COVID stimulus bill included funds for higher education institutions and their students known as the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF).*

*The Act stipulates that these HEERF student grants must go to students with "Exceptional Need." You have been identified as a student who meets the criteria of exceptional need based on the fact that you are either a current Pell grant recipient or you meet the following three criteria: 1) you are a prior Pell Grant recipient, 2) you have an undergraduate EFC at or below the current Pell grant EFC level, and 3) you either borrowed student loans to cover Winter 2021 tuition or you were ineligible for student loans (possibly because you are at the maximum loan aggregate borrowing level.)*

***LLU is pleased to offer you a HEERF grant of \$1,500.*** *You may use this grant toward emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus. Examples of allowable expenses include tuition, food, housing, health care, and child care. HEERF Grant funds are not considered financial aid, do not need to be coordinated with other financial aid received, and are tax exempt. Given this is a grant, repayment is not required.*

*These funds can either be applied directly to your student account or it can be disbursed to you via direct deposit, to the personal bank account of your choosing, or by check. If you have not signed up for direct deposit, you can complete the request on your student portal.*

- 1. Login to Student Services at <https://ssweb.llu.edu/loginpin>*
- 2. Click "Student Finance"*
- 3. Click "Student Account Settings"*
- 4. Click "Direct Deposit Settings"*

Please reply to this email, [StudentCOVIDaid@llu.edu](mailto:StudentCOVIDaid@llu.edu), no later than March XX, 2021 if you would like these funds applied to your student account. If we do not hear from you, the award will be disbursed to you via check or direct deposit after March XX.

**Please select A. or B. below:**

- A. Please credit my student account directly. I understand that I can withdraw any funds remaining after my balance is paid.
- B. Please issue the funds to me directly:
  - a. By direct deposit, I have set up my account information
  - b. By check through the mail, I do not have direct deposit

The health, well-being and security of our students remains our utmost priority. We hope the awarding of this grant will assist you with your continued educational journey at LLU.