

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting- Student Portion

Period: April 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021

As required by the U.S. Department of Education (the Department), Columbia College Chicago is providing the below information regarding the college's receipt and distribution of funding received under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) (Section 18004(a)(1), the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) (Public Law 116-260), and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)(Public Law 117-2).

1. Columbia College Chicago signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that Columbia will use the applicable amount of funds designated under CARES, CRRSAA, and ARPA to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. Columbia College Chicago has received \$14,955,033 from the Department pursuant to our Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under CARES, CRRSAA, and ARPA.
3. From April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021, we distributed \$1,109,707 to students under CARES, CRRSAA, and ARPA.
4. Columbia College Chicago estimates that at the end of the reporting period, 9,121 students at Columbia are eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.
5. From April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021, 891 students received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under CARES, CRRSAA, and ARPA.
6. To determine which students received Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under CARES, CRRSAA, and ARPA, Columbia provided an Emergency Grant application to students with exceptional financial hardship. Students who self-identified that they were experiencing exceptional financial hardship were provided a link to an online application in which they described their hardships and expenses. A committee of student services professionals reviewed the applications and made decisions on individual Emergency Grants.
7. The following instructions were provided to students:
 - Students who self-identified to a college official that they were experiencing an exceptional financial hardship were provided a link to an Emergency Grant application.
 - The application requires students to explain their hardship and provide information on their expenses.
 - The application is reviewed by a committee of student services professionals, and students are notified of the outcome of their application via their official school email account.
 - Students indicate via their application if they would like the funds to apply to their student account balance or to receive the funds directly. Students are informed that they can receive funds towards both their student account balance and their personal expenses as needed.