

## **Reporting Information for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II as authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) – Student Aid Portion**

1. On January 17, 2021, Bucknell University received a Grant Award Notification from the U.S. Department of Education awarding \$973,227 in CRRSAA (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II) – Student Aid Portion funding. As of March 31, 2021, the University was developing a plan to best utilize this funding.

*Updated July 6, 2021 – the University decided to distribute the Student Aid Portion of CRRSAA funding in a similar manner as we did CARES funding:*

- Students must have been enrolled for the Spring 2021 semester in at least one ground-based class and in a Title IV eligible degree-seeking program as of March 20, 2021.
- Bucknell identified students who satisfied preliminary criteria: (1) had a 2020- 2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file with the University; (2) had demonstrated financial need according to their calculated Federal Expected Family Contribution (EFC).
- Students meeting the criteria set forth above were grouped into 6 categories based on their Federal Expected Family Contribution (EFC) in order to distribute the highest amount of aid to the highest need students. Based on ranges of EFC, grants were awarded to students in the amounts of \$1,000, \$800, \$700, \$550, \$375 and \$325.
- On April 2, 2021, we distributed \$970,800 in CRRSAA funds to 1392 students. On April 5, 2021, we distributed an additional \$2,427, for a total of \$973,227.
- Bucknell University emailed eligible students on March 24, 2021, informing them of the following:
  - Bucknell University was awarded federal funds through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act.
  - These funds are to be awarded as CRRSA Emergency Grants to Bucknell students to assist with expenses related to Bucknell’s cost of attendance or emergency costs due to the coronavirus. Such expenses include costs associated with tuition, fees, food, housing, health care and childcare.
  - The University distributed awards to students who completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2020-2021 academic year and demonstrated financial need at Bucknell.
  - The funds would automatically be directly deposited in students’ refund accounts set up in Bbill. If a student did not have a refund account set up or preferred deposit to a different account, the student was advised to update their information by Tuesday, March 30. If no specific direction was provided, the University mailed checks to students with a small processing delay.
  - Students were directed to submit questions about refund accounts to Bursar Services at [bursar@bucknell.edu](mailto:bursar@bucknell.edu).
  - Students who did not experience additional costs related to the coronavirus or who preferred not to receive the aid were asked to notify the University by Tuesday, March 30 so that aid could be awarded to another student.
  - Bucknell would process CRRSA Emergency Grants beginning on Wednesday, March 31.

