

**Lake Superior State University
CRRSAA- Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Reporting
July 1, 2021- Quarterly Report**

Lake Superior State University (OPEID 002293) signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economics Security (CARES) Act on April 13, 2020. On January 14, 2021 the U.S Department of Education announced an additional \$22.7 billion available to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is allocated to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II by the Coronavirus Response and relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA).

LSSU's allocation of funding received through the CRRSA Act is \$2,845,606 LSSU will use no less than \$801,132 received under Section 314 (a)(3) of the CRRSA Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to students.

The CRRSAA requires that institutions prioritize student with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants, in awarding financial aid grants to students. To prioritize grants with exceptional need, LSSU has defined maximum award limits for students based on the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the FAFSA, which is a standardized data element used to confirm financial need.

Based on LSSU's methodology of using the EFC from the FAFSA to prioritize students with exception need, the estimated total number of LSSU eligible to participate in programs under section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314(c)(3) of CRRSAA is 1211 students enrolled in Spring 2021 semester.

LSSU used a batch award process for the first round of disbursement. Prioritizing the neediest students, an EFC range was completed:

EFC Range	Dollar Amount
0-5,712 (Pell)	\$700
5,713-10,000	\$500
10,001-20,000	\$400
20,001+	\$200

All students enrolled in Spring 2021, that had a FAFSA on file, and was in good SAP standing, were put through this process. Students were given the option to apply the funds directly to their student account by submitting a signed CRRSAA Authorization Consent Form. If the form was not completed, students received a direct refund.

As of July 1, 2021 LSSU has issued \$582,000 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to 1211 LSSU students, based on their EFC range, prioritizing the neediest students.

LSSU students were notified about the availability of these Emergency Financial Aid Grants, via press release, text message, email, social media and LSSU website.