

Fresno Pacific University – OPE ID: 001253
CRRSAA Act – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II
March 31, 2021

As required by the CRRSAA Act and in compliance with guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, Fresno Pacific University reports its use of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

1. Fresno Pacific University signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education its Certification and Agreement that the university has used, or intends to use, no less than than the amount of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under CRRSAA.
2. Fresno Pacific University has or will receive \$2,060,779 from the U.S. Department of Education for CRRSAA Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students (HEERF II).
3. As of March 31, 2021, Fresno Pacific University had disbursed \$1,137,845 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants (HEERF II) to students.
4. Fresno Pacific University estimates the number of students in Spring 2021 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 under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to be 3,180.
5. 1,656 students have been awarded Emergency Financial Aid Grants in amounts ranging from \$130 to \$1,170 as of March 31, 2021.
6. Method of Awarding of Emergency Financial Aid Grants:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents as determined by a submitted 20/21 or 19/20 FAFSA
- Enrolled in 1 or more units in a degree or credential program in Spring 21
- Funds are meant to cover components of the Cost of Attendance (Tuition + Fees, Books, Living Expenses, Food, Transportation, etc.), or expenses related or incurred due to COVID-19.

Awarding Assumptions:

- Priority is given to students with demonstrated high financial need
 - Zero-EFC students
 - Pell-eligible students
 - EFCs <= 10,000
 - Cal Grant Recipients
 - Grad Students with an EFC in the 0 – 10,000 range

- Students whose Modified Financial Need¹ (MFN) falls in the 2nd and 3rd quartiles (TUG/DC/CRED only). Provides funding for those outside Pell range but still have high need.²
- Students with a Modified Unmet Need³ (MUN) > 0
- Students with a balance due need additional support to assist with retention
- Priority for funds should be given to full-time students

¹ Modified Financial Need (MFN) = COA – EFC – Pell – Cal Grant – Institutional Aid

² Need Modifier = Assists students who are not Pell-eligible but still have significant Modified Financial Need. Assigns 1 point to those with an MFN between the 25th and 75th percentile. Students in the first quartile are mostly Pell-eligible and are likely receiving extra points based on their lower EFC. Students with Low EFC (5712-10,000) may be eligible if their MFN is in the percentile range.

³ Modified Unmet Need (MUN) = COA – EFC – Inst Aid

Awarding Process

Base Award

The Base Award is the starting Grant amount for any eligible student. For example: \$100.

Factors

Eligible Students are awarded points based on the awarding assumptions.

Factors	Points
<u>All Students:</u>	
Eligible Student Registered for 1+ units	1.00
Student Account Balance > 0 (as of 2/4/2021)	1.00
<u>TUG/DC/CRED Students:</u>	
TUG/DC/CRED Student	2.00
EFC Range:	
Zero-EFC	4.00
Pell Grant Recipient	2.00
Low EFC <= 10,000	1.00
Cal Grant Recipient	1.00
Modified Financial Need (MFN) Range	1.00
<u>GRAD Students:</u>	
EFC Range:	
Pell Grant Range (0 – 5,711)	2.00
Low EFC <= 10,000	1.00
<u>Maximum Points:</u>	
TUG/DC/CRED = 9.00	
GRAD = 4.00	

The calculated points are prorated based upon a student's enrollment status.

Enrollment Status	Modifier
Full-time	1.00
Half-time	.75
Less-than-Half-time	.25
Zero Units	.00

Formula:

Base Award x Points x Enrollment Modifier = Grant Amount

- Grants will never be less than the Base Award

Ken Isaak – Additional Emergency Student Assistance Grants

Students who submit a Ken Isaak Request form are evaluated based upon whether their circumstances describe items in the Cost of Attendance or costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. If the Ken Isaak Request is approved, an Emergency Student Assistance Grant of up to \$1,000 is awarded to the student. The university is currently limiting students to one additional grant.

7. Communications to Students

- A. Students selected to receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant were sent this notification email on March 11, 2021:

“Dear «FirstName» «LastName»:

Fresno Pacific University is pleased to provide you with a Student Assistance Grant in the amount of **\$«FinalGrant»**. You are one of over 2,800 FPU students selected to receive a grant. Your grant comes from \$2 million in Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds designated for student assistance through the federal government’s Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021, (CRRSAA) enacted in December 2020.

How to Claim Your Grant:

You must complete and submit the online Assistance Grant Consent Form at <https://etcentral.fresno.edu/#/form/96>. Sign-in using your FPU email address and password. You can choose to have your funds applied directly to your student account or sent by e-refund, if you have signed up through the online Student Account Center, or by check. Students who choose to apply their grant directly to their student account will receive priority in processing.

The deadline to submit your Assistance Grant Consent Form is Friday, April 9, 2021. Unclaimed grants will be forfeited and redistributed to other students.

Your Student Assistance Grant is to be used to pay for your cost of attending Fresno Pacific University including tuition and fees, books, food, personal necessities, housing, transportation and childcare, or expenses related to the Coronavirus.

Your grant eligibility was determined based upon the requirements of CRRSAA, guidance from the U.S. Department of Education and criteria developed by Fresno Pacific University. Selected recipients are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, have a 2020-2021 FAFSA on file at FPU and

were enrolled in at least one unit during the spring 2021 semester as of February 4, 2021. Additional items taken into consideration include the program of study, student account balance, current enrollment status and financial need. Priority for funding was given to students with the highest demonstrated financial need, including those eligible for a Pell Grant.

We hope that you will find these funds a blessing.

Sincerely,

David Richards
Director of Student Financial Services
sfs@fresno.edu

B. The Assistance Grant Consent form is completed by recipients to provide affirmative consent to apply funds to the student account.



The image shows a digital form titled "Assistance Grant Consent" from Fresno Pacific University. The form is set against a dark blue header with the university's logo and name. Below the header, there are several input fields for personal information: First Name (Sunny), Middle Name (The), Last Name (Sunlid), Student ID (redacted), Birth Date (redacted), School Year (2020-2021), Street Address (1717 S. Chestnut), City (Fresno), State (CA), Zip Code (93702), and Email Address (redacted). There are two radio button options for address verification: "The above address is correct." (selected) and "My address needs to be updated." Below these is a "Grant Amount" field set to \$200. The "Consent" section contains two radio button options: "YES - Apply my assistance grant to my student account. I understand any remaining credit will be sent to me by check or electronic refund through the Financial Aid Credit Disbursement process which occurs every two weeks." (selected) and "NO - I will wait to have my assistance grant sent directly to me until all recipients who chose to have their assistance grant applied to their student account are processed." A "Conditions & Submission" link is provided, followed by a paragraph of terms and conditions regarding the grant's availability, disbursement timeline, and processing delays.

- C. Additionally, students who have contacted Student Financial Services for additional assistance or who did not receive an Emergency Financial Aid Grant have been directed to complete a Ken Isaak form to be considered for grants of up to \$1,000.



Student Financial Services
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 Fresno, CA 93702-4709
 559-453-2041
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 sfs@fresno.edu

Ken Isaak Funds Request Form This form should be used to request additional Financial Aid during unforeseen temporary financial hardship.

Request Form must be completely filled out and attach any appropriate documentation that you feel will support your request. Requests must be submitted during the same school year of the need. Requests from a previous school year or semester will not be reviewed.

Name: _____ ID#: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Academic Year/Semesters of Request: _____

Please explain circumstance behind financial hardship:

Total sum requested: \$ _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only: Approved/Denied Review Date: _____ Total Sum Awarded: \$ _____

Decision Comments: _____

