

Barton Community College's

CRSAA Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds II Report #1

March 1, 2021

Regarding the distribution of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds II under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, Barton Community College received \$448,091 to be used for distribution to students to offset the financial impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Students may use the grants toward:

- Any component of their cost of attendance
- Emergency costs that arose due to coronavirus such as
 - Tuition
 - Food
 - Housing
 - Health care (including mental)
 - Childcare

Students do not need to meet all federal financial aid eligibility requirements to be eligible. However, institutions must ensure funds go to the neediest students such as Federal Pell grant recipients. Distributions may be applied to an outstanding balance on the student's account with active consent from the student to take this action. The balance had to have been for charges established after 27-Dec-2020.

- **How the institution determined which students did, or will receive emergency financial aid grants and how much funding they did, or will receive.**

Upon careful review of all guidance provided by the U.S. Department of education, the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, the National Association of College and University Business Officers, the Kansas Association of Community Colleges, participation in discussion with state and national peer institutions, study of the spirit of the CRRSAA/HEERF II provisions and a review of Barton data, a methodology was designed to address unexpected student expenses in a meaningful amount.

As of 15-Jan-2021, Barton deemed 755 students were neediest due to Federal Pell-grant eligibility.

Tier	Class	Number of Students	Amount per Student	Total
1	0 EFC Pell	456	\$750.00	\$342,000.00
2	EFC Pell-Eligible	299	\$350.00	\$104,650.00
*Total:				\$ 446,650.00
*\$1,441.00 Allowance left for students petitioning for additional funds due to higher average estimated cost.				

- **The total number of students who have received a CRRSAA grant.**

755 students will receive a CRRSAA/HEERF II grant as of March 10, 2021.

- **Instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants.**

Students were given advance notice of the funding with a general website communication posted on the Barton website March 10, 2021.

On March 9, 2021, students who were determined to be eligible for CRRSAA/HEERF II were emailed a direct communication with additional information and instructions how to access the online authorization form to consent to applying the funds to their account balance.

[Link to Direct Communication to Students](#)