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- 1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
 - As of June 30, 2021, KVCC has accepted the following award amounts to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students:

<u>Fund</u>	Date of Authorization	Award Number	Student Portion Award Amount	Supplemental Awards Amount	Total Cumulative Award to KVCC	<u>Date</u> <u>Student</u> <u>Portion</u> <u>Exhausted</u>
HEERF 1-						
Cares	4/24/2020	P425E201591	\$ 489,848		\$ 489,848	3/26/2021
HEERF I- SIP	6/3/2020	P425M200571	\$ 48,066	\$ 100,627	\$ 148,693	
HEERF II -		P425E201591-				
CRRSAA	1/19/2021	20A	\$ 489,848		\$ 489,848	
HEERF III -		P425E201591-				
ARP	5/12/2021	20B	\$ 2,163,614		\$ 2,163,614	
Total			\$ 3,191,376	\$ 100,627	\$ 3,292,003	

- 2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.
 - **As of June 30, 2021,** KVCC received its Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students allocation under the <u>CRRSAA</u> and <u>ARP</u> (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs in the amount of: \$2,653,462.00
- **3.** The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) **as of March 31, 2021:**
 - **As of June 30, 2021,** KVCC distributed to students its Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students allocation under the <u>CRRSAA</u> and <u>ARP</u> (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs in the amount of: \$113,500.00

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<u>Fund</u>	Award Number	Total Cumulative Award to KVCC	Student Distributions QTR 4 4/1/2021- 6/30/2021
HEERF 1- Cares	P425E201591	\$ 489,848.00	\$ -
HEERF I- SIP	P425M200571	\$ 148,693.00	\$ 7,000.00
HEERF II - CRRSAA	P425E201591- 20A	\$ 489,848.00	\$ 94,500.00
	P425E201591-		
HEERF III - ARP	20B	\$ 2,163,614.00	\$ 19,000.00
Total		\$ 3,292,003	\$ 120,500

- 4. The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.
 - KVCC estimated the total number of eligible students to be 1,171.
- 5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.
 - **As of June 30, 2021,** the total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the <u>CRRSAA</u> and <u>ARP</u> (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs is: **133 students**

<u>Fund</u>	Award Number	Total Cumulative Award to KVCC	Number of Awards QTR 4 4/1/2021- 6/30/2021
HEERF 1- Cares	P425E201591	\$ 489,848.00	
HEERF I- SIP	P425M200571	\$ 148,693.00	8
HEERF II - CRRSAA	P425E201591- 20A	\$ 489,848.00	111
	P425E201591-		
HEERF III - ARP	20B	\$ 2,163,614.00	22
Total		\$ 3,292,003	141

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- 6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.
 - KVCC began distributing CRRSAA funds to students in May 2021 utilizing the following eligibility criteria:

KVCC students who are enrolled in the current semester with a completed current academic year Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) and financial concerns are encouraged to complete an application.

Applications will be prioritized based on "exceptional need." Exceptional need will be determined as a student receiving a Federal Pell Grant during the semester of the CRRSAA Grant application. Additional "exceptional need" factors may be considered including:

- Receiving a Federal Pell Grant during 2020-2021 academic year,
- Being a dependent student whose guardian experienced a significant income change due to a layoff, business closure, or who has experienced a reduction in work hours due to the coronavirus.
- Being an independent student who had a significant income change due to a layoff, business closure, or who has experienced a reduction in work hours due to the coronavirus.
- Being a student with an overdue student account balance that was generated after March 13. 2020.

Unfortunately, international students do not generally qualify for a CRRSAA grant. Federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act guidance precludes the distribution of CRRSA Act funds to DACA, undocumented and international students.

However, persons granted asylum or refugee status are considered eligible non-citizens for financial aid purposes. To be eligible to receive federal financial aid, and therefore CRRSA Act funds, a student must first receive an approved status designation of either "Refugee" or "Asylee" on their Arrival-Departure Record (I-94). FAFSA categories of eligible non-citizens include:

 U.S. permanent resident, with a Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as an Alien Registration Receipt Card or "Green Card")

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- Conditional permanent resident (I-551C)
- Other eligible noncitizen with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department
 of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations: "Refugee,"
 "Asylum Granted," "Indefinite Parole," "Humanitarian Parole," or "Cuban-Haitian
 Entrant"
- A citizen of the Republic of Palau (PW), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (MH), or the Federated States of Micronesia (FM).
- KVCC began distributing CRRSAA funds to students in May 2021 utilizing the following award amount determination:
 - Qualified student applicants demonstrating "exceptional need" will be granted up to \$1,000.
 - Qualified students determined to be eligible without "exceptional need" will be granted up to \$500.
- KVCC began distributing ARP Act funds to students in June 2021.
- As of June 1, 2021 KVCC began utilizing the following eligibility and award determinations are based on the following eligibility criteria for both CRRSAA and ARP Act student applications.
 - KVCC students who are enrolled in the current semester and have financial concerns are encouraged to complete an CRRSAA/ARP Act Grant application.
 - Applications will be prioritized based on "exceptional need." Exceptional need will be determined as a student receiving a Federal Pell Grant during the semester of the CRRSAA/ARP Grant application.
 - A FAFSA on file is the only practicable way for an institution to determine the student's need.
 - In cases where a FAFSA is not available, the information available on the application will be used to determine and document need. Need factors that may be considered include:
 - Receiving a Federal Pell Grant during 2020-2021 academic year,

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- Being a dependent student whose guardian experienced a significant income change due to a layoff, business closure, or who has experienced a reduction in work hours due to the coronavirus.
- Being an independent student who had a significant income change due to a layoff, business closure, or who has experienced a reduction in work hours due to the coronavirus.
- Being a student with an overdue student account balance that was generated after March 13. 2020.
- Students who are refugees, asylum seekers, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) recipients, other DREAMers, and similar undocumented students qualify for ARP (HEERF III) student grants.
- Qualified student applicants demonstrating "exceptional need" through Federal Pell Grant eligibility at the time of the application will be granted up to \$1,000.
- Qualified student applicants determined to be eligible without demonstrating "exceptional need" through Federal Pell Grant eligibility at the time of the application will be granted up to \$500.
- 7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the CRRSAA and ARP Emergency Financial Aid Grants.
 - May 2021 CRRSAA website FAQs: https://www.kvcc.me.edu/admissions-financial-aid/tuition-aid/aid-programs/crrsaa-grants/

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) – Student Emergency Relief Grants

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act passed by Congress and signed by the President on December 27, 2020 included \$4.37M for the colleges of the Maine Community College System to provide emergency financial aid grants to their students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

Students who have been adversely impacted financially by the coronavirus pandemic may be eligible for funds granted to institutions of higher education through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II established by the CRRSAA Act. CRRSA Act emergency relief grants may be used for any component of students' cost of

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attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus, such as tuition and fees, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care (including mental health) and child-care expenses.

CRRSAA Grant Frequently Asked Questions

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply, KVCC students must fill out the form at this link:

https://my.kvcc.me.edu/ICS/(DEV) Finances/Federal CRRSA Act Emergency Grant Request.jnz, once they are signed in to the KVCC Student Portal at https://my.kvcc.me.edu/ICS/

Applications will be reviewed bi-weekly.

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HOW WILL I RECEIVE FUNDS, IF I AM AWARDED A CRRSAA GRANT?

Funds will be disbursed based on the award option selected on the student's application.

Option 1: A refund check will be issued to the student and postal mailed to the student's address on file.

Option 2: The grant will be applied to the student's outstanding KVCC account balance ONLY if the applicant checks "yes" in response to "If you have a balance due to the College, do you wish to have Federal Cares and/or CRRSA Act funds applied to your balance due?"

Note: Institutions may not use the CRRSAA funds to satisfy a student's outstanding account balance unless the college has obtained the student's written or electronic consent (via the grant application).

WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT I MAY RECEIVE?

Qualified student applicants demonstrating "exceptional need" will be granted up to \$1,000.

Qualified students determined to be eligible without "exceptional need" will be granted up to \$500.

• A citizen of the Republic of Palau (PW), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (MH), or the Federated States of Micronesia (FM).

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MAY I APPLY MORE THAN ONCE?

- Students who received a Cares Act Student Emergency Relief Grant prior to May 1, 2021 may also apply for consideration to receive a CRRSAA grant.
- Students may only apply for a CRRSAA grant once per semester.
- Funds will be awarded on an as-available basis, funds are not guaranteed to be available in a future semester.
- Students submitting a second application in a subsequent semester may be awarded less than what they were granted at the time of their initial approved CRRSAA application. For example, if you are awarded a \$1,000 grant in the Fall 2021 semester and experience another financial hardship during the Spring 2022 semester, you may only be awarded up to \$500 after the second application, if funds are still available.

WILL I NEED TO PAY BACK CRRSAA GRANT FUNDS?

No, CRRSAA funds are considered a federal student aid grant which will not need to be paid back.

However, as of January 19, 2021, the IRS notice does not waive 1098-T reporting requirement for payments received for QTRE (qualified tuition and related expenses) from CRRSAA grants. CRRSAA grant awards may be reported on your 2021 1098-T for tax filing purposes.

• May 19, 2021 CRRSAA email to summer enrolled students:

From: Michelle Webb

Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 10:18 AM **To:** summer enrolled students @kvcc.me.edu

Subject: Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) – Student

Emergency Relief Grant Response

First Last ID Number

I am writing to inform you of a KVCC student resource that you may be eligible to receive.

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) – Student Emergency Relief Grants

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Students who have been adversely impacted financially by the coronavirus pandemic may be eligible for funds granted to institutions of higher education through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II established by the CRRSAA Act. CRRSA Act emergency relief grants may be used for any component of students' cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus, such as tuition and fees, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care (including mental health) and child-care expenses.

Please visit the <u>KVCC CRRSAA Grant page</u> to review the following Frequently Asked Questions:

- HOW ARE CRRSAA GRANT RECIPIENTS SELECTED?
- HOW DO I APPLY?
- HOW WILL I RECEIVE FUNDS, IF I AM AWARDED A CRRSAA GRANT?
- WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT I MAY RECEIVE?
- MAY I APPLY MORE THAN ONCE?
- WILL I NEED TO PAY BACK CRRSAA GRANT FUNDS?

https://www.kvcc.me.edu/admissions-financial-aid/tuition-aid/aid-programs/crrsaa-grants/

I wish you the best in your summer studies!

Michelle Webb Director of Resource Development, KVCC Executive Director, KVCC Foundation Kennebec Valley Community College 92 Western Avenue Fairfield ME 04937

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• June 2021 ARP Act website FAQs: https://www.kvcc.me.edu/admissions-financial-aid/tuition-aid/aid-programs/arp-grants/

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act (HEERF III) Frequently Asked Questions:

HOW ARE CRRSAA GRANT RECIPIENTS SELECTED?

KVCC students who are enrolled in the current semester and have financial concerns are encouraged to complete an ARP Grant application.

Applications will be prioritized based on "exceptional need." Exceptional need will be determined as a student receiving a Federal Pell Grant during the semester of the ARP Grant application.

A FAFSA on file is the only practicable way for an institution to determine the student's need.

In cases where a FAFSA is not available, the information available on the application will be used to determine and document need. Need factors that may be considered include:

- Receiving a Federal Pell Grant during 2020-2021 academic year,
- Being a dependent student whose guardian experienced a significant income change due to a layoff, business closure, or who has experienced a reduction in work hours due to the coronavirus.
- Being an independent student who had a significant income change due to a layoff, business closure, or who has experienced a reduction in work hours due to the coronavirus.
- Being a student with an overdue student account balance that was generated after March 13. 2020.

I AM AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT, DO I QUALIFY?

Students who are refugees, asylum seekers, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) recipients, other DREAMers, and similar undocumented students qualify for ARP (HEERF III) student grants.

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HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply, KVCC students must sign into the myKVCC Student Portal and complete The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Grant application located in the "Finances" tab.

Sign into the Student Portal at https://my.kvcc.me.edu/ICS// first, then navigate to this page: https://my.kvcc.me.edu/ICS/(DEV) Finances/Federal ARP Act Emergency Grant Request.jnz, once you are signed in.

HOW OFTEN ARE APPLICATIONS REVIEWED?

Applications will be reviewed bi-weekly.

HOW WILL I RECEIVE FUNDS, IF I AM AWARDED AN ARP GRANT?

Funds will be disbursed based on the applicant's responses to the student account balance questions on the student's application.

Option 1: A refund check will be issued to the student and postal mailed to the student's address on file.

Option 2: The grant will be applied to the student's outstanding KVCC account balance

Option 3: A portion of the grant will be applied to the student's outstanding KVCC account balance and the remainder of the grant will be issued to the student and postal mailed to the student.

Application Example:

If you have a balance due to the College, do you wish to have ARP Act funds applied to your balance due?

• You must respond "yes" to have any portion of your ARP Act Grant award applied to your student account. If you respond "no" grant funds awarded will be mailed to you.

Would you like this balance to be paid to your student account in full?

• You must respond "yes" to have your full ARP Act Grant award applied to your student account.

Please indicate how much ARP Act Grant award funds to apply to your student account balance. Example, if you are awarded \$1,000 in ARP Act Grant funds and you want \$600 of it to be applied to your student account you must enter \$600.

• This amount may differ from your actual ARP Act Grant award, we will process your application accordingly, up to the total amount of your actual grant award.

Important Notes:

- Institutions may not use ARP Act Grant funds to satisfy a student's outstanding account balance unless the college has obtained the student's written or electronic consent (via the grant application).
- If you have consented to applying any portion of the grant to your student account but do not currently have a balance due, your ARP Act Grant award will be mailed to you in its entirety.
- If you indicated that you would like for your grant to be issued as a refund check, please note that refund checks will typically be mailed on the Friday following the grant approval date. Refund checks may not be picked up.

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WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT I MAY RECEIVE?

Qualified student applicants demonstrating "exceptional need" through Federal Pell Grant eligibility at the time of the application will be granted up to \$1,000.

Qualified student applicants determined to be eligible without demonstrating "exceptional need" through Federal Pell Grant eligibility at the time of the application will be granted up to \$500.

MAY I APPLY MORE THAN ONCE?

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- Students who received a Cares Act Student Emergency Relief Grant prior to May 1, 2021 may also apply for consideration to receive an ARP Act Grant.
- Students may only apply for an ARP Act Grant once per semester.
- Funds will be awarded on an as-available basis, funds are not guaranteed to be available in a future semester.
- Students submitting a second application in a subsequent semester may be awarded less than what they were granted at the time of their initial approved ARP Act Grant application. For example, if you are awarded a \$1,000 grant in the Fall 2021 semester and experience another financial hardship during the Spring 2022 semester, your spring semester award may be less than \$1,000 and will be based on remaining funds available.

WILL I NEED TO PAY BACK APR ACT GRANT FUNDS?

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No, APR Act Grant funds are considered a federal student aid grant which will not need to be paid back.

However, as of January 19, 2021, the IRS notice does not waive 1098-T reporting requirement for payments received for QTRE (qualified tuition and related expenses) from CRRSAA grants. CRRSAA grant awards may be reported on your 2021 1098-T for tax filing purposes.

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• June 18, 2021 ARP Act email to summer enrolled students:

From: Michelle Webb

Sent: Friday, June 18, 2021 12:18 PM

To: summer enrolled students @kvcc.me.edu>

Subject: KVCC American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Student Emergency Relief Grant Information

First Last ID Number

I am writing to inform you of a KVCC student resource that you may be eligible to receive:

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Student Emergency Relief Grants

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act passed by Congress and signed by the President on March 11, 2021 included \$17M for the colleges of the Maine Community College System to provide emergency financial aid grants to their students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

ARP Act emergency funds may be used for any component of students cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus, such as tuition and fees, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care (including mental health) and child-care expenses.

The ARP Act requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant. This will be completed through a common application process at each institution.

Please visit the <u>KVCC ARP Act Grant page</u> to review the following American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act (HEERF III) Frequently Asked Questions:

- HOW ARE CRRSAA GRANT RECIPIENTS SELECTED?
- I AM AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT, DO I QUALIFY?
- HOW DO I APPLY?
- HOW OFTEN ARE APPLICATIONS REVIEWED?

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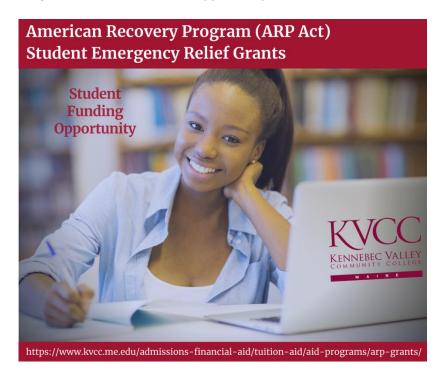
- HOW WILL I RECEIVE FUNDS, IF I AM AWARDED An ARP GRANT?
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- MAY I APPLY MORE THAN ONCE?
- WILL I NEED TO PAY BACK APR Act GRANT FUNDS?

Michelle Webb, PPM Director of Resource Development and Advancement Executive Director, KVCC Foundation Kennebec Valley Community College

• June 23, 2021 ARP Act Grant announcement email to summer enrolled students:

From: Michelle Webb

Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 11:16 AM **To:** summer enrolled students @kvcc.me.edu> **Subject:** KVCC Student Grant Opportunity



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Summer enrolled KVCC students may be eligible to receive a \$500 or \$1,000 coronavirus student emergency relief grant (CARES/CRRSAA/ARP/HEERF).

Funds may be used for any component of students cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus, such as tuition and fees, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care (including mental health) and child-care expenses.

Visit: https://www.kvcc.me.edu/admissions-financial-aid/tuition-aid/aid-programs/arp-grants/ to learn more!

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• June 23, 2021 ARP Act Grant announcement on KVCC mobile app:

From: Brian Holtz < BHoltz@kvcc.me.edu Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 12:02 PM To: Michelle Webb < MWebb@kvcc.me.edu

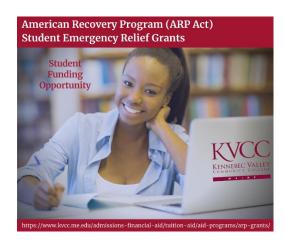
Subject: RE: ARP Grant- Info to share with students

Attention KVCC summer students! You may be eligible to receive a \$500 or \$1,000 coronavirus student emergency relief grant!

Funds may be used for any component of students cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to the coronavirus, such as tuition and fees, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care (including mental health) and child-care expenses.

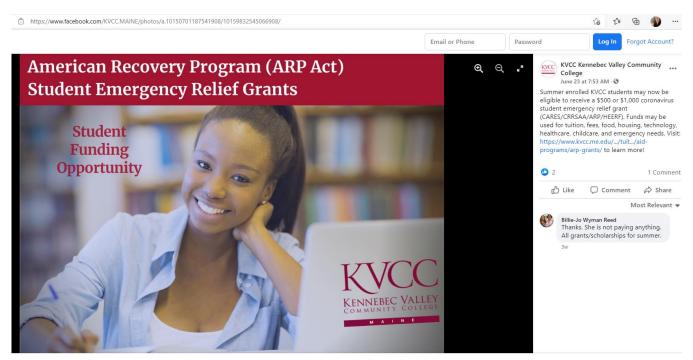
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Brian Holtz
Student Navigator—Navigating Success!

• June 23, 2021 ARP ACT Grant announcement on KVCC Facebook page:



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