



## Higher Education Emergency Fund II Student Grant Awarding Process March 9, 2021

On December 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, was signed into law. According to the published Allocations for Section 314(a)(4) of the CRRSAA, Jersey College is expecting to receive \$3,199,972 to distribute as grants to students. Additionally, Jersey College is adding \$16,990.70 of undisbursed funds from the allocation from the CARES Act. In total, Jersey College will be disbursing \$3,216,962.70.

According to a letter dated January 14, 2021 by the Acting Assistant Secretary of Education Christopher J. McCaghren:

*“...the only allowable use of funds for the grants provided under section 314(a)(4) of the CRRSAA is to provide financial aid grants to students, which may be used for any component of the student’s cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.”*

The letter also provides guidance to institutions regarding the methodology to use in disbursing these emergency grants to students.

*“...the CRRSAA requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants, in awarding financial aid grants to students. However, students do not need to be Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell grants to be identified as having exceptional need”*

### Methodology of Awarding Grants

Jersey College will be awarding grants to students in a manner that prioritizes students with exceptional need as demonstrated by a student’s Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Please refer to the awarding chart below for grant amounts based on EFC Scores.

- A. Awards provided by this Procedure will go directly to students and will not pay any obligations owed by the student to Jersey College.
- B. Awards will be limited to available funds. Nothing herein is intended to guarantee any funds to Eligible Students.
- C. Awards will be disbursed until the CRRSAA grant funds are exhausted.

#### *Awarding Chart*

| EFC Range     | Award  |
|---------------|--------|
| 0             | 900.00 |
| 1 - 8999      | 400.00 |
| 9000 - 26999  | 300.00 |
| 27000 - 38000 | 200.00 |

### **Expected Family Contribution Determination**

Jersey College will review the most recent Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) received from the United States Department of Education. ISIRs are received after students complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSAs are completed for a specific award year and Jersey College often receives multiple Award Year ISIRs for each student as changes are made by the student to their respective FAFSA.

**A. *Students that started their enrollment PRIOR to April 1, 2021.***

For eligible enrollment statuses, Jersey College will use a student's EFC score from the last ISIR received prior to disbursement. Jersey College will review both the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 award year ISIRs and select the last one received. ISIRs selected for verification by the US Department of Education must be completed by the student prior to disbursement. Students in this group must have a '19-20' or '20-21' ISIR on file by 11:59pm on March 26, 2021.

**B. *For students that begin their enrollment AFTER April 1, 2021.***

Jersey College will use the EFC score from the first ISIR received. ISIRs selected for verification by the US Department of Education must be completed by the student prior to disbursement.

### **Eligible Enrollment Statuses**

The following enrollment statuses are eligible to receive CRRSAA grant funds. Students must be in one of the status as of March 9, 2021.

1. Currently Attending
2. On a Leave (as defined in the Academic Catalog)
3. Actively Auditing Coursework

### **Eligible Expenses**

Any expense included in a student's financial aid cost of attendance (i.e. tuition, food, housing, health care, mental health care, technology, or child care).

### **Disbursement of Grant Funds**

Jersey College will disburse CRRSAA Grant funds through BankMobile (a company used by the College to electronically distribute funds to students). Any student that has not activated their BankMobile account or has not selected a method of payment should do so to avoid unnecessary delays in receiving grant funds. BankMobile will provide notification to students once funds are made available via the student's college email account (“@jerseycollege.edu”).

### **Notification**

Students will be notified via the student's college email account (“@jerseycollege.edu”) in advance of the disbursement. The notice will include the date of the ISIR, the receipt date of the ISIR record, the transmission number of the ISIR, the EFC score of the respective ISIR, and the grant amount being disbursed.

### **Questions**

Students who have questions regarding the application process, eligibility, or BankMobile should contact their campus' Financial Aid Planner.