

CRRSAA – Student Aid Portion

- The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA)(P.L. 116-260) was signed by the President on December 27, 2020. Section 314(d)(5) of CRRSAA requires an institution “to provide at least the same amount in financial aid grants to students” that was required under the original CARES Act Student Aid Portion award. Athens State University assures that the institution used no less than 50 percent of the total funds received under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- The total amount awarded to Athens State University for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students of \$492,066.00 has been received from the Department of Education as a supplemental award to the existing Student Aid Portion (CFDA 84.425E).
- Emergency Financial Aid grants, using CRRSAA funds, were issued on March 5, 2021 to 2,724 students in the amount of \$551,975. This amount included the full allocation of the Student Aid Portion of \$492,066.00 and \$59,909 from the Institutional Aid Portion.
- CRRSAA expanded the uses of supplemental funds received under Section 314(a)(1) to allow a greater percentage of financial aid to students and expanded student qualifications. Athens State University prioritized students with exceptional need in awarding financial aid grants as required.
 - Athens State University prioritized students with the greatest need in the Emergency Financial Aid grants. Each eligible student received \$250, \$200, \$150, \$125, \$100 based upon the student’s Pell Grant category and Expected Family Contribution data, derived from the student’s FAFSA.
 - Students enrolled in traditional, blended and exclusively distance education courses are included in Section 314(a)(1) allocation formula. Students received a grant of \$10.00 per semester credit hour.