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Plans and resources

[UMS Return to Campus Guide for Faculty, Staff, and Student Employees \(PDF\)](#)

[Black Bears Care Plan \(PDF\)](#)

[The Framework for Reopening Maine's Colleges and Universities in Fall 2020 \(PDF\)](#)

Friday Futurecasts and Updates from Campus Leaders

[Friday Futurecast – May 7](#)

Published: May 7, 2021

[Friday Futurecast – April 30](#)

Published: May 1, 2021

[Updated health and safety guidance for UMaine/UMM communities – April 30](#)

Published: April 30, 2021

[Friday Futurecast – April 23](#)

Published: April 23, 2021

[Friday Futurecast – April 16](#)

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CRRSSA Required Website Posting Information – Update #1

July 1, 2021 | [CARES Act, CRRSSA, UMaine and UMM updates](#)

University of Maine and University of Maine at Machias

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund for Student Aid

Report #1

Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education

Award Number: P425E203082

Award Amount: \$3,948,625

Report Period: January 14, 2021 — March 31, 2021

Report Date: June 28, 2021

Source and Purpose of Funds

The University of Maine (“UMaine”) and the University of Maine at Machias (“UMM”) received the above award from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) passed by Congress on January 14, 2021 to provide emergency financial aid grants to eligible.

On April 22, 2020, UMaine submitted the required Certification and Agreement (please link signed C&A) to the U.S. Department of Education (U.S. DOE) committing to use these funds to provide emergency aid directly to our eligible students.

Eligibility Requirements

Consistent with the guidance from the U.S. DOE, eligible students include all students who were enrolled at UMaine on March 24, 2021 with the following exceptions:

- Non-degree students
- Students with no enrollment for Spring 2021 (including Spring 2021 Semester withdrawals) at the time of the first disbursement of funds
- Employees receiving UMS Employee Tuition benefits
- Early College students
- International/DACA Students

Distribution Plan

UMaine and UMM will automatically distribute approximately 96 percent of these funds to all eligible students. Award amounts will be tiered as follows based on: the number of credit hours in which the student is enrolled as of March 24, 2021, academic career, and in accordance with DOE guidelines, financial need.

Undergraduate Base Amounts

- .1 – 5.99 Credit Hours: \$125
- 6 – 11.99 Credit Hours: \$225
- 12+ Credit Hours: \$325

Graduate Base Amounts

- .1 – 2.99 Credit Hours: \$200
- 3 – 5.99 Credit Hours: \$225
- 6+ Credit Hours: \$325

Additional Amounts

- High Need (EFC <= 5211): +\$200
- Medium (Between EFC > 5711 and EFC <= COA): +\$100
- Low (No FAFSA, or EFC > COA): +\$0

The remaining 4 percent (approximately) of the CRRSAA student aid will be made available by application to eligible students who self-identify with additional need as a result of being impacted by COVID-19. The application will be made available to eligible students after all block grants have been distributed.

Remaining Funds from CARES Act Funding

UMaine carried forward the remaining unspent portion of the initial CARES Act funding (\$210,650) to the total allocation of HEERF II funding for the second round of direct payments to students. UMM carried forward the remaining unspent portion of the initial CARES Act/SIP (\$12,747) funding to the total allocation of HEERF II funding for the second round of direct payments to students.

Disbursements To-Date

Distribution Type	Number of Eligible Students	Number of Students To Whom Aid Has Been Distributed	Total Amount of Aid That Has Been Distributed	Amount of Funds Remaining for Disbursement
Orono Automatic	9,720	5,718	\$2,337,325	\$1,269,512
Orono Application	0	0	\$0	\$195,010
Machias Automatic	328	171	\$76,975	\$61,525
Machias Application	0	0	0	\$8,278
Total			\$2,414,300	\$1,534,325

** Student counts reflect the utilization of both the HEERF II funds and the original CARES SIP award.

Communications to Students

Below are all communications from the University of Maine System or UMaine to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants provided through the CRRSAA.

[UMS Community Guidance for Students](#)

[UMaine/UMM HEERF II Communication to Eligible Students \(Message Center Communication\)](#)

[UMaine/UMM CRRSAA Report #1](#)

