



UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO AT CAYEY

Chancellor's Office

**University of Puerto Rico at Cayey – CARES, CRRSA, and ARP Acts Report
(HEERF I, HEERF II, HEERF III)
Relief Support for UPR Cayey Students
Award No.: P425E200388**

Quarterly Report as of June 30, 2021

CARES Act – HEERF I

Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act” or the “Act”), requires institutions receiving funds under Section 18004 of the Act to submit a report to the Secretary of the Department of Education describing the use of funds distributed from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”).

On January, 2021, the University of Puerto Rico at Cayey submitted the Final Report as of December 31, 2020, for the funds received under Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) providing public disclosure and in compliance with the requirements of the Department of Education. The Final Report can be accessed at [Final Report UPR Cayey - CARES Act-Students Portion as of December 31, 2020](#).

CRRSA and ARP Acts (HEERF II and HEERF III)

The University of Puerto Rico at Cayey received supplemental funds from the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to section 314 of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), 2021 (Pub. L. 116-260). Section 314(d)(5) of the CRRSAA requires recipients to provide at least the same amount of funding in financial aid grants to students as was required to be provided under sections 18004(a)(1) and (c) of division B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) (Pub. L. 116–136).

Also, the institution received supplemental funds from the U.S. Department of Education under the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, to support institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136.

Under section 314(c)(3) of the CRRSAA, and section 2003(7) of the ARP, recipients must make financial aid grants to students (including students exclusively enrolled in distance education),

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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 following information provides public disclosure and ensure compliance with the requirements of the US Department of Education related to CRRSA and ARP Acts.

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement.

The University of Puerto Rico at Cayey is participating of the funds provided by the CRRSA and ARP Acts.

- We signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement (Gold C & A) for CRRSAA.
- We signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement for ARP.

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.

CRRSAA - Pursuant to section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), the UPR Cayey received additional funds as a supplemental revision of \$2,869,029 to provide additional Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

ARP - Pursuant to ARP section 2003(a)(1) UPR Cayey was granted as a supplemental revision a total of \$15,561,071. At least 50% of that amount, \$7,780,536, provided Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 314(d)(5) of the CRRSAA and Section 2003(a)(1) ARP:

- Section 314(d)(5) of the CRRSAA - As of June 30, 2021, UPR Cayey has distributed \$2,702,608.06 of the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to eligible students under CRRSAA.
- Section 2003(a)(1) ARP - As of June 30, 2021, UPR Cayey has not distributed ARP Funds to students. Funds are expected to be distributed by July 16, 2021.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under CRRSAA and ARP.

- CRRSAA - UPR Cayey estimated that 2,518 students were eligible to participate under this program.
 - ARP - UPR Cayey estimated that 2,517 students were eligible to participate under this program.
5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under CRRSAA and ARP
- CRRSAA - As of June 30, 2021, 2,371 qualified students received the Emergency Financial Aid Grant.
 - ARP - As of June 30, 2021, no student has received the ARP Emergency Financial Aid Grant.
6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive from CRRSAA and ARP funds.
- CRRSAA - The institution estimated that 2,518 students were eligible to participate of this program and determined that all eligible students would receive an emergency financial aid of \$1,139.86.
 - ARP - The institution estimated that 2,517 students are eligible to participate of this program and determined that all eligible students would receive an emergency financial aid of \$3,091.19.

The following are the guidelines to determine eligibility of students for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) emergency assistance provided by CRRSA and ARP Acts (HEERF II, HEERF III):

The requirements to determine eligibility under the guidelines issued by the Federal Department of Education are:

- Although it is not a requirement to have completed the FAFSA, we recommend students to fill it out because it is the most practicable way to demonstrate student's eligibility to Title IV Federal Student Aid Programs and meet all general student eligibility criteria in Section 484 of the HEA. Otherwise, students will need to evidence eligibility through documentation detailed below:
 - Be a United States citizen or national, be a permanent resident, or belong to an eligible noncitizen category (Excludes foreign students with a study Visa).
 - A statement of educational purpose
 - Student's Social Security Number (SSN)
 - Be actively enrolled during the spring semester at UPR Cayey
7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

The University of Puerto Rico at Cayey provides instructions and guidance to all its students through emails and a website created for this purpose ([Ley CARES Act – Ayuda HEERF – Universidad de Puerto Rico Cayey \(upr.edu\)](https://www.upr.edu)). The website includes updated information with questions and answers, links to eligibility requirements, recipient’s funding certifications and agreement, reports to agency, and other important information. Through email, we sent information regarding the following: eligibility requirements, how to apply, reminders, and payment date announcements. Student’s questions were answered by e-mails, phone calls to the Economic Aid Office and Chancellor’s Office, and through the Help Desk (link located on the institution’s website and currently improved as APOYO AL ESTUDIANTE Y EDUCACION A DISTANCIA (Student Support and Distance Education)).





10 de marzo de 2021

Estimada (o) Estudiante:

El Departamento de Educación de los Estados Unidos (USDE, por sus siglas en inglés) anunció una nueva asignación de fondos en virtud del *Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)*. Bajo este fondo la Universidad de Puerto Rico en Cayey, recibió la cantidad de \$2,869,029 para ser otorgado directamente a los estudiantes. El desembolso de esta ayuda podría ser de \$1,139. 86 a los estudiantes que:

- Estén matriculados actualmente
- Sean: ciudadano o nacional de los Estados Unidos o extranjero con derechos. (excluye estudiantes extranjeros con visa de estudios)

Les exhortamos a que completen la FAFSA 2020-2021 lo antes posible para poder ser considerados en el desembolso que se realizará el 18 de marzo. El proceso de tramitar la FAFSA una vez sometida al Centro de procesamiento puede tomar hasta 72 horas.

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UNIVERSIDAD DE PUERTO RICO EN CAYEY

Rectoría

10 de marzo de 2021

Estudiantes

Rectora

AYUDAS ECONÓMICAS CRRSAA PARA ESTUDIANTES

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Esta aportación federal va enfocada al adelanto y mejoras de las áreas relacionadas con la educación a distancia. En evaluación preliminar se asignará \$1,139.86 a los estudiantes que son o podrían ser elegibles para participar de esta ayuda. La fecha de pago será el 18 de marzo para los estudiantes que ya cuentan con una FAFSA en nuestro sistema.

Aunque esta nueva legislación no requiere que los estudiantes hayan completado la FAFSA, le exhortamos que la llene en <https://studentaid.gov/> en o antes del próximo 12 de marzo. Es importante que seleccione FAFSA 2020-2021 y tenga a la mano evidencia de ingresos o planillas del 2018, que es con los ingresos que trabaja esta FAFSA. Se incluye una guía que le ayudará a completar la solicitud de la FAFSA a estudiantes que sus padres rinden planillas. El no llenarla, conlleva un proceso de presentación y evaluación de evidencias que validen el requisito de ciudadanía. Esta evaluación al ser de forma manual, conllevará más tiempo y dilatará e, posible desembolso.

Si necesita ayuda para completar la FAFSA puede solicitar servicio con su oficial de Asistencia Económica a través del siguiente enlace: <https://bit.ly/turnosupre>. Anote en el área de comentarios, "completar FAFSA 2020-2021".

Anejo

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12 de abril de 2021

Estimada (o) Estudiante:

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← ULTIMO AVISO IMPORTANTE: Ayuda **CRRSAA** - Estudiantes no completaron FAFSA 2020-2021



13 de mayo de 2021

Estimada (o) Estudiante:

Usted no ha completado la solicitud de la FAFSA 2020-2021 para ser evaluado para la Ayuda **CRRSAA**, por lo que tendrá que someter documentos que validen su elegibilidad. No hay fecha de desembolso en estos casos, ya que hay que realizar un proceso de evaluación de forma manual y crearlos para pago.

Recuerde que la fecha límite para llenar la FAFSA 2020-2021 es hoy 13 de mayo, para que pueda recibir el pago de la ayuda el próximo 21 de mayo de 2021. El desembolso es por la cantidad de **\$1,139.86**.

De usted no llenar la FAFSA, tiene hasta el próximo lunes 17 de mayo antes de las 4:30 pm para entregar la documentación que valide su elegibilidad y sea considerado en el proceso de evaluación.

Favor de subir los documentos en el siguiente enlace:

<https://bit.ly/2RA0PUG>

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