



Emergency Relief Fund Reporting – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

Due to the ongoing disruption caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic, which continues to create enormous challenges for students and schools throughout the country, the U.S. Department of Education is providing additional emergency aid to students thru the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA). Financial aid grants for students 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 childcare.

1. On January 15, 2021, Paul Mitchell The School - Esani signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement in order to participate in the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, and the assurance that the institution will use all of the funds allocated under section 314(a)(4) of the CRRSAA to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

2. Paul Mitchell The School - Esani received \$286,454 from the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021(Proprietary Institution Grant Funds for Students) (Red C&A) Certification and Agreement.

3. Paul Mitchell The School – Esani has not distributed any of the Emergency Financial Aid to students, but plans to distribute 50% of the funds in April 2021



The CRRSAA requires that the school must 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 only Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell grants.

Schools in the distribution of the Grant funds may not (1) condition the receipt of financial aid grants to students on continued or future enrollment in the institution, (2) use the financial aid grants to satisfy a student's outstanding account balance, unless it has obtained the student's written (or electronic), affirmative consent, or (3) require such consent as a condition of receipt of or eligibility for the financial aid grant. If a student decides to allow the school to apply part or all of the funds they receive under the CRRSAA grant towards their balance owed to the school, that student must sign a statement giving the school consent to apply the funds to their account balance, otherwise the funds will be directly disbursed to the student.

To address the pressing financial need of higher education schools and students due to the disruption of campus operations from coronavirus, Paul Mitchell the School - Esani received a CRRSAA grant funds in the amount of \$286,454 from the U.S. Department of Education. The funds must be used to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care or childcare).

To be eligible students must meet the following criteria:

1. Participate or could participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), may receive emergency financial aid grants. If a student has filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), then the student has demonstrated eligibility to participate in programs under Section 484 the HEA. Students who have not filed a FAFSA but who are eligible to file a FAFSA also may receive emergency financial aid grants. The criteria to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA include but are not limited to the following: U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen; a valid Social Security number; registration with Selective Service (if the student is male); and a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting.
2. Must be currently enrolled in a Title IV eligible program as of February 19, 2021.
3. Must be 18 years or over, or if younger, currently receiving Title IV assistance.
4. Must have exceptional need by meeting one of the following criteria:
 - a) Eligible for Pell for the award year 2020-2021
 - b) Have an EFC under 5711.



- c) Have had a substantial change in financial status such as unemployment or significant decrease in pay.

5. Must submit an application.

Fifty percentage of the grant will be disbursed in April 2021 to those who are determined to be eligible to the students. An equal amount will be distributed to each student.

Each student will need to sign the Student Agreement for CRRSAA document to acknowledge acceptance of the terms of the grant before the funds will be disbursed. The accounting of the funds will be tracked by the school and reported to the U.S. Department of Education.