



Availability of Emergency Student Grants under CRRSAA Act

Omnitech has received federal emergency funding from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), signed into law on December 27, 2020. These funds are different than and in addition to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds that the school received and provided to students in 2020. These one-time emergency financial aid student grant funds may be used by eligible students 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.

EXCEPTIONAL NEED

The law requires the institution to prioritize the awarding of these grants to **students with exceptional need**. To determine "exceptional need" Omnittech will consider each student's particular socioeconomic circumstances and review a variety of factors including, but not limited to:

- Students with a 0 EFC, as calculated by filing the FAFSA*
- Students with a Pell Eligible EFC, as calculated by filing the FAFSA*
- Employment Status/Loss due to COVID (Student)
- Employment Status/Loss due to COVID (Household Member)
- Number of Dependents in the Household
- Food Insecurity
- Housing Needs
- Childcare Needs
- Healthcare Needs
- Lack of Transportation
- Tuition Balance due to COVID Related Financial Hardship
- Fees/Other Charges Balance due to COVID Related Financial Hardship
- Independent/Dependent Status
- COVID Related Socioeconomic Hardships as Detailed by the Student

The Filing of a FAFSA is NOT a requirement to receive an award.



While any one of these factors alone or in combination may establish exceptional need and therefore, eligibility for an emergency grant award, the factors will be weighted and accumulated in a formula to determine the dollar amount of the award. Awards will generally range between \$250.00 and \$1200.00. However, based upon available funds and in limited circumstances, a larger grant award may be approved.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. An Application for Emergency Student Grant under the CRRSAA Act must be completed.
2. A Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may be filed, but is not required. If your FAFSA results in a 0 EFC and/or Pell-Eligible EFC, the amount of your award could be increased.
3. Supporting documentation to prove your exceptional need may be requested.
4. If **you choose** to have your grant applied to outstanding tuition, fees and/or other institutional charges on your Student Ledger Account, you will need to complete a form giving the school your written (or electronic) affirmative consent (permission) to credit your account. Even if your award is based in whole or in part on the factor of having a balance, you are NOT REQUIRED to use these funds for tuition, fees and/or other direct institutional costs; this is strictly an option available to you. Your decision whether or not to provide this consent will have no impact on your award or receipt of a grant.
5. Once your application for an emergency grant and any required supporting documentation are received, Omnittech will evaluate, approve, determine amount of grant and cut your disbursement check as soon as possible, but at a maximum, within 14 days.