

September 27, 2021

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)
and American Rescue Plan (ARP)

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

1. The Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana (BRF) and Digital Media Institute (DMI) acknowledge that we have signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement, and we assure that the institute has used the applicable amount of funds designated under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
2. The total amount of funds that we were awarded from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Aid Grants to Students under CRRSAA and ARP was \$49,750.
3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of September 30, 2021 is \$37,708.36.
4. The total number of students at the institution eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs is 57.
5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) is 40.
6. DMI used enrollment dates to determine eligibility for Emergency Financial Aid Grants. Any student enrolled during or after March 13, 2020 was eligible and received a check. DMI used Pell Grant eligibility to differentiate the student check amount. If a student was Pell eligible they received twice the amount of the students not eligible for Pell.
7. Student guidance was provided through email since the funds were distributed by direct deposit or check and included information from and to the link of the CARES Student FAQ page.

The entire email is on the next page:

Greeting DMI Student,

The Digital Media Institute at InterTech has received the CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund – American Rescue Plan Grant from the Department of Education on the behalf of our students. Unless you requested a paper check your grant will be directly deposited into your account.

This is a grant and does not have to be repaid.

The guidelines from the Department of Education on how to use these funds are listed below.

“Emergency financial aid grants to students can be used for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare.”

If you have any further questions you can click on link to the CARES Act FAQ page below:

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/studentfaqs515.pdf>

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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