

Students,

As we shared with you on Feb. 18, IUP has received new emergency federal funding through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). Over \$5 million dollars is being allocated in student grants to students who qualify.

Federal guidelines for disbursing these funds require universities to prioritize students with “exceptional need” who are U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens enrolled in a Title IV (federal financial aid) eligible degree or clock hour certificate program. The results of the 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be used to determine financial need and the award amount. No additional application is required.

The breakdown of allocations is available on the [CRRSAA webpage](#).

We are pleased to tell you that the disbursement process began today (Feb. 26).

Please keep in mind that the timing of receiving your payment will vary on whether you arranged to get your student payments by direct deposit or by mail by paper check.

Direct deposit is the fastest way to receive your funds. If you have not already done so, **please sign up for direct deposit in the “finances” tab in MyIUP**. This will help you to receive refunds as quickly as possible, now in and in the future.

Paper checks can be generated with your refund and mailed to your address of record at IUP, but receipt of your funds can vary by up to a week to 10 days, depending on your individual banking institution and U.S. mail delivery. If you do not have direct deposit and require a paper check, **please make sure that your address of record is correct in our files**.

Please note that CRRSAA funds will not be used to reduce any balance on your university account.

Students who have not submitted a 2020-21 FAFSA can still do so at <https://studentaid.gov>. Students must have a completed FAFSA on file with IUP by 3/17/2021 for consideration. Students who file a FAFSA between today and March 17 who qualify for the CRRSAA funding will receive funding on a rolling basis as long as CRRSAA funds remain. **If you have not already done so, please strongly consider filing a FAFSA to be able to be eligible for this funding and other funding opportunities in the future.**

More information about CRRSAA funding and the explanation of how funds will be distributed is available on [the webpage](#); if you have specific questions, you can email [financial-aid@iup.edu](mailto:financial-aid@iup.edu).