

# ELMIRA COLLEGE

Elmira College is now able to provide more financial help to students affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. In late December, emergency relief funds were approved by the U.S. Congress via the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), 2021. EC received \$458,931 that will be used to relieve students' financial stress and expenses incurred after December 27, 2020 related to the pandemic.

This funding is similar to the allocation last year through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act that provided emergency financial aid grants for students. However, the CRRSAA funding stipulates that Elmira College **must give priority to students with exceptional financial need.**

Approximately two-thirds of the funds were issued automatically to students in accordance with the U.S. Department of Education's directive to assist students with the most need. Some of the funding was distributed directly to students in the form of an emergency grant. Eligibility for the emergency grant was based on a student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Qualifying students were notified by email from [caresactaid@elmira.edu](mailto:caresactaid@elmira.edu).

All students (even those who received an emergency grant) can apply for aid by completing the attached application and submitting it to [caresactaid@elmira.edu](mailto:caresactaid@elmira.edu). All financial grants will be based on a student's need as determined by their FAFSA and Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

Funding from an emergency or financial aid grant can be used for any expenses related to education, including any outstanding bills or for expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology needs, healthcare, or childcare. Students have the option to apply their grant directly to their EC student account if they have an outstanding balance; however, this request must be made in writing or specified by checking the appropriate box on the application.

Once this limited funding is expended, applications will no longer be accepted or approved.