



**AMERICAN SAMOA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

April 26, 2021

Dear ASCC Student,

As part of the United States of America Federal Government – 2021 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), the American Samoa Community College has been allocated additional funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF).

This supplemental funding for students may be used for tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

The CRRSAA supplement funding is a federal program in which the U.S. government guidelines have instructed colleges/universities that, “Unlike the CARES Act, the CRRSAA requires that institutions 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 Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell grants to be identified as having exceptional need.”<sup>1</sup>

The amount of the enclosed check is your Financial Aid Emergency Relief Fund. If you should have any questions, please contact our office at 699-9155, extension 308.

We continue to wish you well, and we hope that the financial assistance of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund will provide the needed support during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rosevonne Pato  
*ASCC President*

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<sup>1</sup> 2021-01-14 – Acting Assistant Secretary of Postsecondary Education, Memo: CARES Act Funding Letter for Colleges and Universities accessible via: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/asstsecretaryheerfia1letter.pdf>