

CARES Act-HEERF I, HEERF II, and HEERF III - Disclosure and Report – September 30, 2021

In accordance with Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act and in compliance with Department of Education reporting guidance, Drew University reports the following information:

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Drew University acknowledges signing and returning the Certification and Agreement and has used or intends to use at least 50% of funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Drew University has received authorization to distribute \$4,067,079 from the Department of Education for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the 30-day Report and every 45 days thereafter).

As of September 30, 2021, Drew University has distributed \$1,719,759 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants (described at the college as “CARES Student Emergency Funding”) under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of September 30, 2021, the estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants is **1,799**.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

As of September 30, 2021, Drew University has distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants (described "CARES Student Emergency Funding") to 1,404 students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

HEERF I - All students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and enrolled at Drew University for the Spring, Summer 2020, and Fall 2020 terms were eligible to submit an application for CARES Student Emergency Funding. Applications were reviewed for student eligibility issues. Once eligibility was confirmed, awarding is based on the student's requested amount and a determination that the amount is justified given the circumstances indicated on the student's application. Awards ranged from \$250 to \$1,500 for undergraduates and \$ 250 to \$1,200 for students enrolled in graduate programs.

HEERF II - All degree seeking students registered during the Spring 2021 semester on at least a half time (6+ credits) basis who completed a FAFSA with a valid Expected Family Contribution (EFC) were assigned a set amount of funding. Students with an EFC of \$20,000 will be awarded \$700 and those with an EFC greater than \$20,000 will be awarded \$550.

Additionally, funding from the HEERF II was used on a case by case basis for students registered for summer classes because of difficulties presented by COVID during the academic year. Remaining funds were distributed to students enrolled in the Educational Opportunity Fund Program, a program providing academic and financial support to students meeting strict income guidelines.

HEERF III – We are currently developing the plan to distribute HEERF III funds to currently enrolled students impacted by the COVID-19 national health emergency.

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

HEERF I - An initial email communication was sent to all enrolled students providing information about eligibility and application for funding through the CARES Act. Instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution, including the application can also be found at: <http://www.drew.edu/1/emergency-information/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/faqs-for-students/> OR <http://www.drew.edu/financial-aid/>. Additional communication via email and telephone was sent to Pell eligible students and students eligible for, but unable to use, Federal Work Study.

Students are contacted via email with any necessary follow up communication.

HEERF II – Students were sent an email communication notifying them of their award with a link to a form authorizing Drew to keep the award on their student account. Students not submitting the authorization form by a specific date were processed refunds of their award.