Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) and American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP) section (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

December 31, 2021

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 the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

As of December 31, 2021, Drew University has distributed $1,744,786 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants (described at the college as “CARES Act Student Emergency Funding, CARES Act 2 Emergency Funding, CARES Act 3 Student Emergency Funding”) under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution that are eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.

As of December 31, 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 3492.
5. **The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

As of December 31, 2021, Drew University has distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants (described “CARES Student Emergency Funding”) to 1,406 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 the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) and (a)(4) programs.**

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 are eligible to submit an application for CARES Student Emergency Funding. Applications are reviewed for student eligibility issues. Once eligibility is 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 range 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) will be 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.

HEERF III – The University is developing a plan for disbursement of these funds to students. A small portion of the funds has been used for students who have appealed for assistance due to the COVID 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.

HEERF III – Students were and will be notified as to the amount 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.