Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II Report (HEERF II)
Temporary Thirty Day Report for La Roche University

CUMMULATIVE DATA

March 24, 2021

This document serves as a temporary report on the use of CRRSAA student emergency aid funds at La Roche University until guidance on formal reporting requirements is issued by the U.S. Department of Education. This report describes the use of funds from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) provided to La Roche University (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania). This report is a cumulative report for all CRRSAA emergency student funds expended by La Roche University.

- La Roche University received $602,959 of CRRSAA funding to be used for emergency financial aid grants to students on January 28, 2021.

- La Roche University acknowledges that it retains discretion to determine the amount and availability of each individual financial aid grant consistent with all applicable laws, including nondiscrimination laws. The university further acknowledges that under section 314(c)(3), it must prioritize grants to students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants. However, students do not need to be Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell grants in order to receive a financial aid grant.

- La Roche University acknowledges that it may not condition the receipt of such a financial aid grant on continued or future enrollment at La Roche. La Roche also acknowledges that no student was required to consent to the application of the financial aid grant to the student’s outstanding account balance as a condition of receipt of or eligibility for the financial aid grant.

- La Roche University has awarded 417 grants totaling $598,201 in emergency financial aid to students as of March 24, 2021.
238 students authorized La Roche University to apply the money directly to their student account. $338,876 in CRRSAA funds were applied to student accounts. However many students owed less than their grant amount and received a refund check for the difference.

- La Roche University students apply for CRRSAA grants using an application accessible through the university intranet. The Financial Aid Office reviews all applicants to establish eligibility, and award amounts are determined by the CRRSAA committee utilizing a standardized award model that prioritizes applicants based on the criteria outlined below. Information regarding award guidelines and eligibility criteria has been communicated to students via email and also appears on the La Roche University website on the COVID-19 page.

Students who are not eligible for CRRSAA awards are directed to apply to the Sister Candace Introcaso Student Emergency Fund, which was established by the university prior to the COVID-19 pandemic to provide emergency assistance to La Roche students.

CRRSAA grants to La Roche University students range from $250 to $2,000. Students with “Exceptional Need” receive top priority for funding. The committee considers the following priorities when awarding grants:

- Students who report exceptional need on the application
- Expected Family Contribution (if available)
- Students with a significant need related to specific COVID-19 disruptions, including, food, housing, health care and childcare
- Enrollment Status during the Spring 2021 Semester in the order of priority
  - Full-time undergraduate students
  - Full-time graduate students
  - Part-time undergraduate students
○ Part-time graduate students

- Information including instructions, directions and guidance related to the emergency financial aid grants available to La Roche students is maintained on the COVID-19 page of the university’s website: laroche.edu/crrsaa