REQUIRED REPORTING ON EMERGENCY STUDENT GRANTS THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT (CRRSAA) HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (HEERF II)

Randolph College received \$332,437 from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II), established by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), to be distributed as emergency financial aid grants to eligible students. The grant funds are intended to provide eligible students emergency financial aid grants for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 crisis. The following information is required by the Department of Education in order to comply with the reporting requirements under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II. Randolph College is required to post certain information on its website quarterly, and the required information is listed below for the quarter ending June 30, 2021. This report is the College's final report—as described below, all funds have been disbursed to eligible students as of this date.

- Randolph College signed and returned the CARES Act Funding Certification and Agreement to the Department of Education for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund I (HEERF I) through the CARES Act on April 15, 2020. This signed agreement remains in effect for all additional HEERF allocations. The College has used the \$332,437 in HEERF II funding to provide emergency financial aid grants to students.
- 2. Randolph College has received \$332,437 in HEERF II funding from the Department of Education.
- 3. The total amount of emergency financial aid grants allocated for distribution to students under Section 314(a)(1) of the HEERF II (CRRSAA) is \$332,437. As of June 30, 2021, the total amount of emergency financial aid grants distributed to students was \$332,500. The College absorbed the \$63 difference between total grant distributions to students and the total emergency financial aid grants allocation from CRRSAA.
- 4. The estimated total number of students at Randolph College eligible to participate under Section 314(a)(1) of the HEERF II (CRRSAA) was 494.
- 5. As of June 30, 2021, the total number of students who have received an emergency financial aid grant under Section 314(a)(1) of the HEERF II (CRRSAA) was 494.
- In an effort to get relief into the hands of students as soon as possible and to help qualified students, Randolph distributed its initial pool of HEERF II funds totaling \$302,437 in May 2021,

and no application was required for these initial distributions. These awards were made directly to undergraduate and graduate students who were enrolled in a degree program in the Spring 2021 semester. Because the CRRSAA required that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, the College allocated 75% of this initial pool of HEERF II funds evenly to students who received Pell grants during the Spring 2021 semester, and the remaining 25% evenly to all other eligible students. This formula resulted in each Pell student receiving an award of \$1,281, and each non-Pell student receiving an award of \$239. This allocation method was consistent with the College's treatment of its HEERF I student awards which were distributed last year.

Additionally, the College reserved the remaining \$30,000 of its total HEERF II student allocation for appeals, requiring the completion of a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II Grant Appeal Application. Appeals were considered on a first-come, first-serve basis. As of June 30, 2021, the appeals pool was exhausted, and no future HEERF II awards will be available.

7. Students receiving HEERF II distributions were notified by institutional email on April 16, 2021 with the following information:

Dear Randolph Students and Families,

As a result of Congress passing the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), Randolph has been allocated \$332,437 in emergency student aid as part of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II to assist eligible students. While this is the second such allocation of funding for students since the onset of the pandemic, following the HEERF I allocation from the CARES Act of the same amount in spring 2020, the guidance from the Department of Education (ED) regarding the use of these funds has somewhat changed. These financial aid grants from the CRRSAA can be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care. The CRRSAA requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell grants, and authorizes grants to students exclusively enrolled in distance education. Additionally, international, DACA, and undocumented students are not currently eligible to receive these funds.

In an effort to get relief into the hands of students as soon as possible and to help qualified students, Randolph will distribute its initial pool of HEERF II funds totaling \$302,437 in early to mid May, and no application will be required for these initial distributions. These awards will be made directly to undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled in a degree program in the Spring 2021 semester. Because the CRRSAA requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, the College will be allocating 75% of this initial pool of HEERF II funds evenly to students who received Pell grants during the Spring 2021 semester, and the remaining 25% evenly to all other eligible students. This formula results in each Pell student receiving an award of \$1,281, and each non-Pell student receiving an award of \$239. This allocation method is

consistent with the College's treatment of its HEERF I student awards which were distributed last year.

A student can request to have his/her HEERF II award applied directly to the tuition account to pay towards outstanding charges. To have the grant applied to your student account, you must complete an <u>authorization agreement</u> by next Friday, April 23. If applied to your student account, any HEERF II funds remaining after your balance has been paid will be mailed to your billing address on file. Alternatively, if you do not want your grant applied to your student account, then no additional action is required, and a check will be mailed to the student's billing address on or around May 7.

Additionally, the College has reserved the remaining \$30,000 of its total HEERF II student allocation for appeals, requiring the completion of the <u>Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund</u> (<u>HEERF) II Grant Appeal Application</u>. Appeals will be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once the appeals pool is exhausted, no future HEERF II awards will be available.

We are fully committed to our students' ability to continue their academic progress and thankful for the role that the HEERF II funding will play in supporting that vital mission.

Sincerely,

Brad Bateman, President



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