

## **REQUIRED REPORTING ON EMERGENCY STUDENT GRANTS RELATED TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS (HEERF I, II, & III)**

Randolph College received \$1,531,340 from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF I, II, & III), 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 III. Randolph College is required to post certain information on its website quarterly, and the required information is listed below for the quarter ending September 30, 2021.

1. 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 (HEERF I, II, & III).
2. Randolph College has received the following in HEERF funding from the Department of Education:
  - \$332,437 from HEERF I (CARES)
  - \$332,437 from HEERF II (CRRSAA)
  - \$866,466 from HEERF III (ARPA)
3. The total amount of emergency financial aid grants allocated for distribution to students under Section 314(a)(1) was \$1,531,340 as of September 30, 2021, the total amount of emergency financial aid grants distributed to students was as follows:
  - HEERF I- \$332,514, the College will absorb the \$77 difference between total grant distributions to students and the total emergency financial aid grants allocation from the CARES Act.
  - HEERF II- \$332,500, the College will absorb the \$63 difference between total grant distributions to students and the total emergency financial aid grants allocation from CRRSSA.
  - HEERF III- \$0. The College has not yet made a distribution from ARPA.
4. The estimated total number of students at Randolph College eligible to participate under Section 314(a)(1) are as follows:
  - HEERF I (CARES) was 490

- HEERF II (CRRSAA) was 494
  - HEERF III (ARPA) was 543
5. As of September 30, 2021, the total number of students who have received an emergency financial aid grant under Section 314(a)(1) are as follows:
- HEERF I (CARES) was 490
  - HEERF II was 494
  - HEERF III has not yet been distributed
6. In an effort to get relief into the hands of students as soon as possible and to help qualified students, Randolph distributed its pool of HEERF funds as follows:
- HEERF I (CARES)- funds totaling \$332,437 were distributed to enrolled students who are in a degree program, have a 2019-20 FAFSA on file with Randolph, and meet the Section 484 criteria. As with other institutions of higher education, 75% of Randolph's CARES Act allocation was based on enrollment of Pell grant recipients, while the remaining 25% was based on total enrollment. Therefore, Randolph is allocating 75% of its CARES Act funding evenly to students who received Pell grants during the Spring 2020 semester, and the remaining 25% evenly to all other eligible students. This formula results in each Pell student receiving an award of \$1,222, and each non-Pell student receiving an award of \$291.
  - HEERF II (CRRSAA)- funds totaling \$302,437 were distributed 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 distributions were notified on the following dates with the following information:
- HEERF I

After communicating with students who had not filed a 2019-20 FAFSA and allowing time for these students to file a 2019-20 FAFSA within a reasonable deadline thereafter,

the College sent its initial email to all eligible students regarding the CARES Act emergency financial aid process on May 29, 2020. Since the College is requiring eligible students to self-certify whether or not they incurred eligible expenses due to the COVID-19 disruption, the College has continued to send periodic reminder emails to students who have not yet submitted the required CARES Act Distribution Form.

On September 21, 2020, the College sent a final email reminder to all eligible students who still had not submitted the required CARES Act Distribution Form.

The purpose of this email was to inform them that if the College did not receive his/her form by September 30, 2020, then the College will interpret the non-response as confirmation he/she is not eligible for the CARES Act award and will then reallocate his/her potential award to other eligible recipients. In the end, the College redistributed its remaining funding evenly to all 359 eligible recipients (i.e., students who self-certified their eligibility to receive these awards via the process noted above) with a second grant of \$163.24 to each student. The College cut these checks to such students on October 23, 2020.

The College created the Randolph CARES Act Emergency Aid website as an information resource for students, including a FAQ section. A link to this web page has been included in all applicable emails to students regarding the CARES Act emergency financial aid process.

➤ HEERF II, April 16, 2021

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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 [authorization agreement](#) 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 [Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund \(HEERF\) II Grant Appeal Application](#). 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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