

Bryn Athyn College

ARP Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) Reporting

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021. Institutions are required to sign and submit a Certification and Agreement that ensures no less than 50 percent of funds received under CARES Act Section 18004 (a) (1) will provide direct, emergency financial aid grants to students.

In addition, institutions are required to comply with the reporting requirements as provided by the Department of Education and post an initial 30-day report to their institution's primary website with updates posted every quarter thereafter.

Date of Quarterly Report: April 8, 2022

Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education

Grant Award Number: P425E204919

Source and Purpose of Funds:

ARP Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund – IHE/Student Aid Section 314 (a) (1) provides funding to institutions to provide emergency financial aid grants to students to 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 childcare. In making financial aid grants to students, an institution must prioritize grants to students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants.

Information Reported

1. On June 1st, 2020, Bryn Athyn College submitted the signed Certification and Agreement to the US Department of Education committing to use no less than 50% of funds received to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to eligible students under the CARES – HEERF I, CRRSAA – HEERF II, and ARP – HEERF III Programs.
2. On July 15, 2021, Bryn Athyn College received \$464,410 for direct to student emergency financial aid grants.
3. Bryn Athyn acknowledged that all students were financially affected to some degree by COVID-19 and/or its implications – for example, disruption of on campus operations when cases spiked, instruction was disrupted, and testing/vaccinations were required; when quarantines or delayed returns to campus were necessary for resident students; when athletics and other events were canceled; when safety protocols required restrictions on attendance at events, etc.
4. Bryn Athyn College has distributed a total of \$420,370 in available funds as of the date of this report, as follows:

- a. Bryn Athyn distributed \$370,350 to date to 260 students enrolled in academic year 2021-2022. \$304,350 was distributed in mass distributions commencing in January 2022. An email communication on or about January 4, 2022 was sent to all students, informing them the availability of funds and the distribution ranges: [click to view mass email message](#). The students' FAFSA form Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) was the criteria used to determine the amount of funding they were eligible to receive. See below:

Funds Distribution Model

EFC	0-5,723 (Pell Eligible)	\$2,000
EFC	\$5,724-\$12,815	\$1,200
EFC	\$12,816-\$19,999	\$625
EFC	Over \$19,999	\$375

Students who were unable to remain enrolled for the winter term received adjusted amounts on the basis that COVID-19 experiences on campus affected them to a lesser degree.

All students (including winter withdrawals) were informed by the bursar to self-identify and contact the Enrollment Management and Financial Aid Office if they required additional assistance due to a financial hardship as a direct result of COVID-19 (see previous email communication). To date, \$66,000 in appeals have been awarded to students who were enrolled during academic year 2021-2022.

- b. Bryn Athyn determined that former students not enrolled in academic year 2021-2022 (graduates, withdrawals, or transfers) who experienced a portion of their education during the pandemic should be given additional consideration even though they received various distribution amounts in past years from HEERF 1 and HEERF 2 (CRRSAA). On or about January 10, 2022, former students with EFC levels below \$10,000 during HEERF 1 or HEERF 2 were notified of an additional award of \$500. If those students had an outstanding balance, they were encouraged by the bursar to contact the Enrollment Management and Financial Aid Office if they required additional assistance in satisfying that balance due to a financial hardship as a direct result of COVID-19: [click to view mass email message to former students](#). To date, \$38,000 has been distributed to 73 former students and an additional \$2,000 has been awarded to another former student in an appeal.
 - c. Additional amounts totaling \$10,020 were distributed within the first several months after the ARP funds were awarded in July of 2021 to complete several commitments and appeals that had been initiated during the CRRSAA cycle.
5. The College continues to reach out to eligible current students or former students regarding additional financial aid adjustments if the student or their family are financially affected by COVID.