

## **CRRSAA Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds Disclosure**

### **Carrington College – Phoenix (OPEID 02100600) – Updated 6/30/21**

Carrington College Phoenix (which includes branch campuses in Albuquerque, NM, Las Vegas, NV, Mesa, AZ, and Tucson, AZ, Trades Education Center, and the Glendale Learning Center) signed and returned a certification and agreement to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students as part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) (a)(4) program on March 12, 2021.

The school received \$2,312,361 to distribute to students that meet the following conditions, as determined by the College CRRSAA Committee:

- The student was enrolled in an on-campus, online or blended program at a Carrington College campus between December 27, 2020, and March 31, 2021, and
- The student completed an attestation that they had incurred expenses related to the COVID pandemic, including but not limited to cost of tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health), or childcare.
- And, as of the date the student complete and return this attestation to the College they were:
  - Still enrolled at the College, or
  - Graduated from the program you were enrolled in on December 27, 2020, or
  - On an approved Leave of Absence that started on, or after December 27, 2020.

The school estimated as of March 31, 2021, there were 2,556 students that met those qualifications.

As of June 30, 2021, the College received 1,439 completed attestations from eligible students and has awarded \$1,306,286 to those students. These funds have been allocated such that all eligible students would receive an award, with Pell Grant Recipients receiving award equal to 150% that of non-Pell Grant Recipients.

Students determined to be eligible as of the initial distribution of CRRSAA attestation forms to their student emails have until July 31, 2021, to return a valid form to receive their award.

Effective August 1, 2021, formerly eligible students may no longer return signed attestations for the processing of an emergency grant.

Any unassigned funds from CRRSAA HEERF II as of August 1, 2021, will be reconciled for the purposes of a new distribution process, whereby, students will be required to submit a web-based HEERF Emergency Grant Application (“Application”) to be considered for an Emergency Grant.

Students that received CRRSAA HEERF II funds may submit an application and would be considered for additional grant funds. Students that did not receive CRRSAA HEERF II funds may also submit an application for consideration.

Applications received during a calendar month will be reviewed during the first full week of the next month. All Applications submitted by active students, students on approved leaves of absence that began on or after March 13, 2020, or graduates of the college with a last date of attendance during the month that they submitted the Application would be eligible for the award.

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Emergency Grants under the new distribution method will be set at a fixed amount that is to be determined based on the available funds as of August 1, 2021. Those grant amounts will conform to a model, whereby Pell Grant eligible students shall receive Award amount equal to 150% the Award amount to Non-Pell eligible students.

The Colleges will meet with students to announce their selection to receive an award, and be given an option to apply funds in the amount of the student's choosing towards their outstanding institutional balance or receive the full award.

This new process will remain in place for the purpose of distributing Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds allocated to the Colleges as part of the American Rescue Plan signed into law by on March 11, 2021, and serve as the agreed to plan until all funds are exhausted or the date of obligation to distribute the funds has expired, projected to be May 13, 2022.

As of the date of this report Carrington College – Phoenix has yet to certify and agree to the terms of the American Rescue Plan Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (ARP HEERF III), but fully intends to do so in July. The allocated funds for the college from the ARP HEERF III are set at \$1,341,784, all of which are to be distributed to students as Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Any questions related to either program can be directed to [CARESAct@Carrington.edu](mailto:CARESAct@Carrington.edu) and should receive a reply within 48 hours.