

## **Bryn Athyn College**

### **CRRSAA Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF II) Reporting**

On December 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (“CRRSAA”) was signed into law. CRRSAA includes a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”) that awards funds to institutions of higher education to ensure learning continues for students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 initial 30-day Report: June 13, 2021**

Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education

Grant Award Number: P425E204919

Source and Purpose of Funds:

CRRSAA 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 student who receive Pell Grants.

#### Information Reported

1. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 both CARES Act-HEERF I and CRRSAA-HEERF II.
2. On January 28, 2021, Bryn Athyn College received *\$174,461* for direct to student emergency financial aid grants.
3. Bryn Athyn College has distributed a total of *\$92,861* in available funds as of the date of this report.
4. Bryn Athyn College estimates a total of *172* students eligible to receive CRRSAA funds.

5. Bryn Athyn College has distributed funds to a total of 172 students as of the date of this report.
6. Bryn Athyn College acknowledged that all students were financially affected to some degree by COVID-19 therefore funds were automatically distributed to students during the winter 2021 term.

On *February 17, 2021*, Bryn Athyn College awarded and disbursed \$87,025 to 171 students who met the eligibility criteria stated below (eligibility criteria used was based on federal guidance available at that time):

- Were enrolled for the Winter 2021 term
- Have filed a 2020-2021 FAFSA form
- Meet the eligibility requirements for Title IV funding as defined by the federal Department of Education

The students' FAFSA form Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) was the criteria used to determine the amount of funding they would be eligible to receive. See below:

Funds Distribution Model

EFC	0 – 5711	\$625
EFC	5712 – 10000	\$550
EFC	10001 – 35000	\$275
EFC	above 35000	\$225

In addition to the \$87,025 in funds that were automatically awarded and disbursed to 171 students during the winter 2021 term, an additional \$8,505 in funding was awarded and disbursed to 3 of the 171 students and 1 other student who began enrollment for the spring 2021 term at Bryn Athyn College based on their reach out to the financial aid office appealing for additional financial assistance to help with their financial hardships.

7. An email communication from the Enrollment Management & Financial Aid Office was sent out to all students on February 9, 2021, informing them of both the availability of funds and the eligibility criteria required to receive CRRSAA – HEERF II funds. In addition, students were told to self-identify and contact the Enrollment Management & Financial Aid Office if they required additional financial assistance due to a financial hardship as a direct result of COVID-19. This same communication was posted on the institution's website, <https://brynathyn.edu/media/documents/COVID-19-Student-Communication-33-Financial-Aid-CARES-Act-Supplemental-Funds.pdf>.