

CARES Act reporting Student funding portion – HEERF II (CRRSAA (a)(4)) & HEERF III (ARP(a)(4))

December 31, 2021

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 314(a)(1) of the CRRSAA and Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

Note, the Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing (GLH SON) was awarded supplemental awards under CRRSAA and ARP automatically as a result of receiving funds under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. No separate certification and agreement were required for these student award portions received under CRRSAA or ARP. Brandi McCurdy, Accounting Manager and Bursar for the Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing (GLHSON) acknowledges that the institution (GLHSON) has signed and returned the Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement regarding emergency financial aid grants to students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to the U.S. Department of Education. Further, the institution (GLHSON) has assured the Department of Education that more than 50 percent of the funds were provided to students as Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's student portion pursuant to Section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) and Section 2003(a)(1) of the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP).

Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing (GLH SON) was awarded \$16,409 under section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA and \$70,372 under section 2003(a)(1) of ARP. The total required to be provided to students in the form of emergency financial aid grants is the total of both pieces, or \$86,781. As of December 31, 2021, GLH SON has disbursed the full amount of the student portion of CRRSAA (\$16,409), the full amount of the student portion of ARP (\$70,372), the full amount of the Institutional portion received under CRRSAA (\$63,472), and the full amount of the ARP institutional portion (\$70,371) for a total of \$220,624, distributed to students as emergency grants.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA and Section 2003(a)(1) ARP as of the date of submission of this report.

As of December, 2021, GLH SON has distributed all the funding approved under CRRSAA and all the funding approved under ARP, both student and institutional portions as emergency grants to students for total grants processed of \$220,624. Note that due to provisions under the Family Educational Rights

and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) the number of students eligible and the number of students who received emergency grants cannot be publicly displayed.

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA and Section 2003 (a)(1) of ARP

Due to provisions under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) the number of students eligible and the number of students who received emergency grants cannot be publicly displayed.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA and Section 2003 (a)(1) of ARP

Due to provisions under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) the number of students eligible and the number of students who received emergency grants cannot be publicly displayed.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 314(a)(1) of CRRSAA and Section 2003 (a)(1) of ARP.

GLH SON distributed the funding received directly to all enrolled nursing students (note, there were no students enrolled exclusively distance education courses) who, as of the date the awards are determined, had a 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on record, or was eligible to complete a FAFSA, and demonstrated financial need as determined by GLH SON's Financial Aid Office. As a proxy to prioritize students with exceptional need, Pell eligibility was used by the GLH SON's Financial Aid Office to determine level of award for eligible students. Students were initially asked to complete a brief application to receive an award, but this was later decided not to be required. All our students were eligible to receive student emergency grants in some amount. Pell-eligible students received a higher amount than non-Pell-eligible. All students in either category (Pell vs. Non-Pell) active at the time of grant disbursement received equal amounts of grants. See copy of application for HEERF II (CRRSAA) and the application for HEERF III (ARP) at the end of this document.

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

The Financial Aid Coordinator for GLH SON sent the following message to students for CRRSAA:

Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing has received funding as part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) (and subsequently the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act), signed into law in December 2020. Although the bill authorized COVID-19 relief funding to be used for:

- direct awards to students (including those students exclusively enrolled in distance education); and
- institutional costs caused by the pandemic,

at GLH SON, we have decided to use all our funding to make direct awards to students, prioritizing student with exceptional need. These awards will be made to help students recoup costs associated with the pandemic.

Please complete the attached application if you would like to be considered for an award.

**Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing
Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations
Act, 2021**

**Supplemental Agreement (CFDA 84.425E) ((a) (1) Student Aid
Portion)**

Student Name: _____

Student ID Number (found in Empower): _____

Description of Need for Emergency Relief Funds:

Description of Intended uses of Emergency Relief Funds:

Acknowledgment and Signature

I affirm that I need a grant under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act 2021. I understand that I may use the emergency fund program for expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, childcare, and other related expenses I have incurred due to the COVID-19 and the disruption to Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing's campus operations.

**Sign in the box below to certify your understanding and acknowledgement of the grant requirements.

Signature: _____

Date:

- Yes, I would like to receive a grant.
- No, I would not like to be considered for the grant.

Submit completed application to hlarndt1@geisinger.edu or via mail to:

GLH SON Attn: Harriet Arndt 400 Highland Avenue, Lewistown PA 17044 by April 9, 2021.



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, providing \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Student Name: _____

Student ID Number (found in Empower): _____

Students can apply for Emergency Relief funds to help with any cost that arise due to Covid, such as tuition, food, housing, health care and childcare. The Financial Aid office can use Professional Judgement to adjust line items on your FAFSA to reflect loss of wages, unemployment of a family member or yourself. To request a Professional Judgement, please email the Financial Aid office at hlarndt1@geisinger.edu.

Please explain why the Emergency HEERF III funds can help you. (You may also use the back of this form).

Acknowledgment and Signature

I affirm that I need a grant under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act 2021. I understand that I may use the emergency fund program for expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, childcare, and other related expenses I have incurred due to the COVID-19.

**Sign in the box below to certify your understanding and acknowledgement of the grant requirements.

Signature: _____

Date:

- Yes, I would like to receive a grant.**
- No, I would not like to be considered for the grant.**

Submit completed application to hlarndt1@geisinger.edu or via mail to:

GLH SON Attn: Harriet Arndt 400 Highland Avenue, Lewistown PA 17044 by July 13, 2021.

The Financial Aid Coordinator for GLH SON sent the following message to students for student grants under ARP in July and December, 2021:

Dear Students:

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III), authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, was signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have awarded these funds to all students evenly, giving first priority, and therefore an additional amount to those students with greater financial need as required by the grant and determined by Pell-eligibility.

You will receive your award early in January via a check in the mail to the current address on your student record.

If you have any questions, please reply to this email with your question and we will respond as soon as we can.

Thank you,
Administrative & Bursar Staff of GLH SON