

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP)
Student Aid Portion
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III Report (HEERF III)
Quarterly Report for La Roche University
Quarter Ending September 30, 2021
October 5, 2021
Updated 11/19/2021**

This document serves as the quarterly report on the use of student emergency aid funds at La Roche University based on guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education. **The total amount of HEERF monies received by La Roche University for emergency student aid (HEERF I, II and III) is \$2,952,186.** As of the end of Q32021, \$2,619,210 has been distributed.

This report describes the use of funds from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) provided to La Roche University (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania). ***This report covers the period from July 20, 2021 through September 30, 2021 and is the initial quarterly report for ARP student funds awarded by La Roche University.***

- La Roche University received \$1,746,268 of ARP funding to be used for emergency financial aid grants to students on May 17, 2021. The first awards were made to students on July 20, 2021.
- La Roche University acknowledges that it retains discretion to determine the amount and availability of each individual financial aid grant consistent with all applicable laws, including nondiscrimination laws. The university further acknowledges that under section 314(c)(3), it must prioritize grants to students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants. However, students do not need to be Pell recipients or students who are eligible for Pell grants in order to receive a financial aid grant.
- La Roche University acknowledges that it may not condition the receipt of such a financial aid grant on continued or future enrollment at La Roche. La Roche also acknowledges that no student was required to consent to the application of the financial aid grant to the student's outstanding account balance as a condition of receipt of or eligibility for the financial aid grant.
- La Roche University has awarded 436 grants totaling \$1,413,292 in emergency financial aid to students between July 20, 2021 and September 30, 2021.

ARP/HEERF III Grant Information
9/30/2021

Category	Count	Total	Avg. Award
All Awards	436	\$1,413,292	\$3,241
FT Undergrad	233	\$919,693	\$3,947
PT Undergrad	83	\$189,003	\$2,277
FT Grad	92	\$260,205	\$2,828
PT Grad	28	\$44,391	\$1,585

281 students authorized La Roche University to apply the money directly to their student account. \$881,727 in ARP funds were applied to student accounts. However some students owed less than their grant amount and received a refund check for the difference.

- La Roche University students apply for ARP grants using an application accessible through the university intranet. The Financial Aid Office reviews all applicants to establish eligibility, and award amounts are determined by the ARP committee utilizing a standardized award model that prioritizes applicants based on the criteria outlined below. Information regarding award guidelines and eligibility criteria has been communicated to students via email and also appears on the La Roche University website on the COVID-19 page.

Students who are not eligible for ARP awards are directed to apply to the Sister Candace Introcaso Student Emergency Fund, which was established by the university prior to the COVID-19 pandemic to provide emergency assistance to La Roche students.

ARP grants to La Roche University students range from \$500 to \$5,500. Students with “Exceptional Need” receive top priority for funding. The committee considers the following priorities when awarding grants:

- Students who report exceptional need on the application
- Expected Family Contribution (if available)

- Students with a significant need related to specific COVID-19 disruptions, including, food, housing, health care and childcare
- Enrollment Status during the Spring 2021 Semester in the order of priority. Domestic students have priority over international students in each category
 - Full-time undergraduate students
 - Full-time graduate students
 - Part-time undergraduate students
 - Part-time graduate students

- Information including instructions, directions and guidance related to the emergency financial aid grants available to La Roche students is maintained on the COVID-19 page of the university's website: laroche.edu/CRRSAA/

**Report updated to include total amount of funds awarded to La Roche University for student emergency aid (total of HEERF I, II and III) per guidance from DOE Quarterly Webinar on 11/17/2021