

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report (HEERF) Initial Report for La Roche University *May 22, 2020*

As required under Section 18004(e) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES), this document serves as the Initial Report to the Secretary of Education describing the use of funds from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) provided to La Roche University (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania).

- La Roche University acknowledges and certifies that the CARES ACT Certification and Agreement document was signed and returned to the Department of Education and that no less than 50% of the funds received by the university will be used to provide emergency financial aid grants to La Roche University students.
- La Roche University received \$602,959 of CARES Act funding to be used for emergency financial aid grants to students on April 24, 2020.
- La Roche University has distributed \$266,525 in emergency financial aid grants to 289 students as of May 22, 2020. We estimate that approximately 1,050 La Roche students are eligible to participate in the programs under Section 484 of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and would thereby be eligible to apply for a grant from the HEERF.

CARES ACT AWARD STATS
Date 5/22/2020

Student Count	Category	Total Awarded	Ave. Award
289	All	\$266,525	\$922
254	Full-time Undergrad	\$246,300	\$970
26	Part-Time Undergrad	\$15,525	\$597
8	Full-time Grad	\$4,400	\$550
1	Part-time Grad	\$300	\$300

- La Roche University students apply for CARES Act grants using an application accessible through the university intranet. The Financial Aid Office reviews all applicants to establish Title IV eligibility, and award amounts are determined by the CARES ACT 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 our COVID-19 page.

Students who are not eligible for CARES Act 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.

HEERF grants to La Roche University students range from \$250 to \$1,300. The committee considers the following priorities when awarding grants:

- Pell eligible students with no Expected Family Contribution will receive highest priority;
 - Students with a significant need related to COVID-19 disruptions, including, food, housing, health care and childcare, will receive second highest priority; and
 - Other students eligible to receive federal assistance also will be considered for emergency grants.
- 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/coronavirus