

## **Emergency Financial Aid to Students under the American Relief Plan**

Quarterly Report September 30, 2021

The following report is submitted by Daemen College, as a recipient of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF), in compliance with the American Relief Plan (ARP), 2021 Supplemental Agreement for an Award under Section 314 (a)(2) and as outlined in Section 18004(e) of the CARES Act as our quarterly report due October 10, 2021 to the Secretary based on the institution's Certification and Agreement to the U.S. Department of Education (Department).

- 1. Daemen College has signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement. Daemen College will use no less than \$2,506,436 of the funds received (\$4,928,222) under Section 314 (a)(2) of the ARP 2021 Supplemental Agreement for an Award to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- 2. Daemen College has received \$2,506,436 from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- 3. As of September 30,2021, Daemen College has distributed 49.5%(\$1,250,650) of the \$2,506,436 received or for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314 (a)(2) of the ARP 2021 Supplemental Agreement for an Award.
- 4. Daemen College has an estimated **1522** students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 314 (a)(2) of the ARP 2021 Supplemental Agreement for an Award.
- 5. As of September 30,2021, a total of **896** Daemen College students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 314 (a)(2) of the ARP 2021 Supplemental Agreement for an Award.

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)(2) of the ARP 2021 Supplemental Agreement for an Award.

Daemen College established a simple process for students to apply for Emergency Student Financial Aid under the ARP Supplemental Agreement and the same process as used for the CARES Act distribution. An application was posted on the College's main COVID-19 information page on our website. An ARP Emergency Student Financial Aid Committee, comprised of representatives from Financial Aid (Financial Aid Director as Chair), Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, and the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, scored each application based on a rubric. The scoring rubric included eight categories as identified in CARES Act guidance: Food, Housing, Technology, Course Materials, Child Care, Employment, COVID-19 related health concerns, and Death. Each category received a rating on a 1 to 3 scale with "0" signifying "not affected at all" and "3" signifiying "in dire need of support and resources." Student applications then received a total score from 0 to 24 (lowest to highest need). Tiers with corresponding monetary values were used to distribute funds based on total scores, as follows:

Tier	Funding Level
0	\$100
1-4	\$550
5-8	\$1,050
9-12	\$1,550
13-16	\$2,050
17-20	\$2,550
21-24	\$3,050

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

Daemen College created a dedicated webpage for awarding ARP Supplemental Agreement Student Emergency Financial Aid. The Daemen College FAQs for this funding mirrored guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Education.