

## Interim Reporting Requirements for Student Portion of the CARES Act Emergency Relief Funds

The U.S. Secretary of Education, in response to the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act, notified colleges and universities that financial resources were made available to provide grants to students for expenses related to disruptions to their education due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School (AJMLS) is committed to doing everything in our power to help our students overcome academic and financial barriers on their paths to graduation. To this end, the university has both requested and received resources from the CARES Act to support our students during this difficult time.

- 1. Acknowledgement:** In accordance with recommendations from the U.S. Secretary of Education, AJMLS has signed and returned the certification and agreement form, has received and distributed funds received through the CARES Act, and provided the mandated amount of at least 50% of the emergency financial aid grants to students.
- 2. Total Funding:** The CARES Act includes a HEERF (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund) that provides emergency funding to students. The total amount of funds that AJMLS has received is \$122,500.00.
- 3. Total Amount Distributed:** Of the \$122,500.00, AJMLS has distributed the mandated 50% amount of \$61,250.00 to all students that applied and were eligible.
- 4. Total number of students eligible:** There were a total of 244 students that were eligible to apply for emergency grant funding.
- 5. Total number of students who received funding:** There were 132 applications received, of which 129 were eligible and have received emergency funding.
- 6. How Amounts and Eligible Students were Determined:** Under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, our student selection was determined by: 1) having students sign and submit a self-certification form; 2) having the Office of Financial Aid to review each application for eligibility; and 3) selecting students who have completed a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and met the eligibility requirements for Title IV funding. **The method used by AJMLS:**

To determine the amount for each student was to divide the total amount of funding by the total amount of eligible applications received by the deadline to establish the maximum amount that could be distributed to each student (“Maximum Allocation Amount”). Any student who requested less than the Maximum Allocation Amount received the lesser amount as indicated on their self-certification form. Students who requested more than the Maximum Allocation Amount received the Maximum Allocation Amount. Any students that applied after the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline were awarded equal amounts determined by dividing the total amount of remaining CARES funds by the number of students that applied after the deadline. No Student received more than the Maximum Allocation Amount.

- 7. Guidance Provided to Students:** AJMLS sent an email to the student body with an attached self-certification form instructing them to complete and submit it by Friday, May 15, 2020 to [financialaid@johnmarshall.edu](mailto:financialaid@johnmarshall.edu) if they have incurred COVID-19 related expenses.