

## Reporting Requirements for Student Portion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) of 2021 - Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds III (HEERF III)

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2). The ARP appropriated funds for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) and represents the third stream of funding appropriated for HEERF to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. HEERF III allows higher education institutions to use these appropriated funds to support students, and the institution itself, with expenses and financial needs related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The following information is provided by Atlanta's John Marshall Law School (AJMLS) as required by the Department of Education ("ED") in order to comply with the reporting requirements under the ARP Act.

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 law school has both requested and received resources from the CARES, CRRSAA and ARP Acts to support our students during this difficult time.

- 1. Acknowledgement:** Institutions who received HEERF I and II Grant funds under the CARES and CRRSAA Acts were not required to submit an application for the HEERF III grants. AJMLS received its HEERF III Grant Award Notification on July 14, 2021, 2021. At least half of an institution's allocation under ARP (a)(1) must be used to make emergency financial aid grants to students (the Student Aid Portion); the remainder may be used for institutional purposes (Institutional Portion). In keeping with the terms of acceptance of these funds, AJMLS will use no less than 50% of the total allocated amount by the Department of Education (ED), as stated under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2), to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants directly to students.
- 2. Total Funding:** Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2), AJMLS received \$92,575.00 and provided **50% or \$46,287.50** of this amount directly to students with expenses related to the COVID-19 crisis. The total amount of funds that AJMLS has received Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) is **\$92,575.00**.
- 3. Total Amount Distributed:** As of December 14, 2021, AJMLS has distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants in the amount of \$46,287.50.00 to all students that applied by the deadline. Grant disbursements were made through direct deposit payments to the students' personal bank accounts.

4. **Total number of students eligible:** There were a total of 303 students that were eligible to apply for emergency grant funding.
5. **Total number of students who received funding:** There were 171 applications received, of which all 171 students 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 the self-certification form, to include citizens, permanent residents, refugees, asylum seekers, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), other DREAMERS and similar undocumented students as well as any student currently on an approved LOA by AJMLS.

**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 still received the Maximum Allocation Amount. Students who requested more than the Maximum Allocation Amount received only the Maximum Allocation Amount. Any students that applied after the December 14, 2021 deadline were not considered or awarded any emergency grant funds, as all funding had been awarded and distributed. 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 Tuesday, December 14, 2021 to [financialaid@johnmarshall.edu](mailto:financialaid@johnmarshall.edu) if they have incurred COVID-19 related expenses.