

HEERF Student Portion Report

As of March 31, 2023

- Western Seminary acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the Department of Education the Certification and Agreement form. Western Seminary plans to allocate the applicable amount of funds received under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.
- Western Seminary will receive \$194,306 from the Department of Education pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) program.
- 879 students are estimated to be eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) program.
- \$54,075 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants has been distributed to students under the initial round of disbursements (June 2021) from the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) program.
- 36 students have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to Students under the initial round of disbursements (June 2021) from the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) program.
- For the initial round of disbursements (June 2021) from the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) programs, Western Seminary determined that students experiencing a financial crisis that had arisen due to coronavirus could be considered for an Emergency Financial Aid Grant. Students eligible under that criteria received an award between \$575 and \$2,300, with the amount based on the nature of the financial crisis (lost income or increased expenses) and prior financial need, with priority given to those students demonstrating financial need as determined by the FAFSA (Expected

Family Contribution).

- On April 30, 2021, Western Seminary provided instructions, directions, or guidance to students who were potentially eligible for an award under the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) program, concerning Emergency Financial Aid Grants, [via email](#), and [via the Covid-Relief Questionnaire](#) students were invited to submit. Students also received [an email](#) if awarded, which contained further instructions, directions, or guidance.
- Approximately \$145,000 in Emergency Financial Aid from the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) programs remain available to distribute to students experiencing a financial crisis that had arisen due to coronavirus. On March 9, 2022, Western Seminary was granted a no cost extension for our institution's HEERF grant award(s). The new performance period end date has been moved to June 30, 2023, allowing Western Seminary more time to communicate and identify need-based students to be awarded the remaining funds. An implementation plan is being put in place to meet this extended deadline.
- No further distributions have yet been made for the remaining \$145,000 in Emergency Financial Aid from the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) programs for students having experienced a financial crisis due to the coronavirus. In the following months, the Financial Aid office is staged to communicate and identify need-based students in order to disburse funds to eligible students while remaining on target for the extended deadline of June 30, 2023.
- The Financial Aid office has developed a plan for determining eligible need-based students with priority given to those students demonstrating financial need as determined by the FAFSA (Expected Family Contribution). The remaining \$145,000 in Emergency Financial Aid from the CRRSAA and ARP (a)(1) programs are on target to be disbursed to students before the extended deadline of June 30, 2023.
- The Financial Aid office sent an [email communication](#) to all current Western Seminary students on December 12, 2022, to inform them of the final round of disbursement of COVID relief aid coming up in late Spring 2023. The email included



instructions for students to submit their 2022/2023 FAFSA to be considered for receiving some of the remaining relief funds. The FAFSA will be used to determine student eligibility and need.

- Approximately 235 eligible students were identified to receive the final disbursement of the remaining \$140,231 COVID relief aid. This disbursement is on schedule to be made within the first week of April 2023 and was communicated accordingly to these students [via email](#). The email contained helpful directions and guidance regarding how they would receive the funds.