

# **Mercyhurst University Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act REQUIRED DISCLOSURES March 31, 2022**

Mercyhurst University was allocated up to \$4,333,931 in federal relief funds authorized under the American Rescue Plan (HEERF III). As a recipient of the funding, the university is required to provide a series of disclosures regarding the use of the funds.

**1) An acknowledgement that you have signed and returned the Certification, and your assurance that you have used or intend to use no less than 50% of the funds for student grants.**

The university has signed and returned the Certification and Agreement to the Department of Education. At least 50 percent of the funds received under Section 314(a)(1) of the American Rescue Plan have been or will be used for student relief grants.

**2) The total amount of American Rescue Plan Act funding that you will receive or have received pursuant to your Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.**

The university has been allocated a total of \$4,333,931.

**3) The total amount of grants distributed to students under Section 314(a)(1) of ARP as of March 31, 2022.**

As of March 31, 2022, the university has distributed all \$4,333,931.

**4) Estimated total number of students at your institution eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid grants under Section 314(a)(1) of ARP.**

As of the 2022 Spring semester, 2,840 students at the University were eligible to receive an ARP emergency grant.

**5) Total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant Section 314(a)(1) of ARP.**

The number of relief grants distributed to students under ARP was 2,840 for the distribution on February 28, 2022.

**6) The method(s) your institution used to determine which students receive grants, and how much they would receive.**

In order to grant students aid expeditiously, Mercyhurst University automatically released relief funds to eligible students; students did not need to apply for relief. Based on the available guidance from the Department of Education at the time, Mercyhurst issued relief funds to students. Any student, with or without a valid FAFSA on file with the institution, who was Title IV eligible, and who was enrolled for in-person and online coursework was eligible for some relief funding. Students who had withdrawn prior to that date were ineligible for relief.

Four factors determined the amount of funding per student: 1) a student's expected family contribution, 2) Pell eligibility, 3) the number of credits a student was enrolled in as of the date of the disbursement (12 or more credits versus fewer than 12 credits) and 4) alien status. International students not in the US taking online classes only were not eligible for this funding. Students were grouped into one of six discrete categories of financial need. Consistent with the provisions of the American Rescue Plan, more aid was targeted to students who were Pell eligible.

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

Not applicable on March 31, 2022. On February 24, 2022, students were notified of the final distribution. The remainder of student ARP funds were distributed to students on February 28, 2022.