HEERF II – Student Aid Portion under the CRRSAA

Erikson values our students and we are invested in your success. We recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has created some very challenging circumstances for our students. To assist students who have been impacted financially, Erikson Institute is distributing Student Emergency grants. This grant is from Erikson's COVID-19 Emergency Fund Support Program and was funded by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act ("CRRSAA") which was signed into law on December 27, 2020.

Under the CRRSAA, HEERF II Student Share Grant funds may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or child care.

The CRRSAA requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need and authorizes grants to students exclusively enrolled in distance education.

The CRRSAA requires all colleges and universities participating in the program to provide access to the following information. This is the Institute's final progress report regarding the HEERF II Student Share Grants and presents information as of June 30, 2021.

- 1. Erikson Institute signed and returned the certification and agreement form as of April 20, 2020. This document is an assurance that Erikson Institute has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. The CRRSAA authorized supplemental awards to existing Student Aid Portion and Institutional Portion grantees. As such, the Institute was not required to submit a new or revised application to the U.S. Department of Education.
- 2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received under the HEERF II student portion is \$20,594.
- 3. Of those funds, the total amount that has been distributed to students as of the date of reporting is \$20,594.
- 4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant is approximately 500.
- 5. The total number of students who have received HEERF II Student Share Grants is 45.
- 6. Erikson Institute determined which students did or will receive emergency financial aid grants and how much funding they did or will receive based on the following. Eligibility guidelines were provided by the Department of Education regarding the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF):
 - "Only students who are or could be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as

amended (HEA), may receive emergency financial aid grants. If a student has filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), then the student has demonstrated eligibility to participate in programs under Section 484 the HEA. Students who have not filed a FAFSA but who are eligible to file a FAFSA also may receive emergency financial aid grants. The criteria to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA include but are not limited to the following: U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen; a valid Social Security number; registration with Selective Service (if the student is male); and a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting."

- The institute utilizes data provided by the most recent FAFSA/ISIR for eligible students. Data utilized is Expected Family Contribution, Household Size, NSLDS Debt and adjusted gross income. A point system was established to scale awards and prioritize students with exceptional need. Documentation is collected upon application submission as a statement of impact.
- Grants are available for up to \$1,000.
- 7. Erikson Institute provided instructions, directions, and guidance to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants via several emails with a link to the online application form. Students were asked to complete the form and supply required documents in their application for Erikson's COVID-19 Emergency Fund Support Program. A copy of the student communication and instructions can be found here.

<u>HEERF II – Student Aid Portion under the CRRSAA – Supplemental Assistance to Institutions of Higher Education (SAIHE)</u>

The CRRSAA requires all colleges and universities participating in the program to provide access to the following information. This is the Institute's progress report regarding the HEERF II Student Share Grants - SAIHE and presents information as of December 31, 2021.

- 1. In August 2021, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) approved additional funds to Erikson Institute for a Supplemental Assistance to Institutions of Higher Education (SAIHE) grant that was authorized under section 314(a)(3) in the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) for institutions with the greatest unmet needs due to coronavirus.
- 2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received under the HEERF II student portion (SAIHE) is \$216,757.
- 3. Of those funds, the total amount that has been distributed to students as of the date of reporting is \$0.
- 4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and therefore eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant is approximately 500.

- 5. The total number of students who have received HEERF II Student Share Grants (SAIHE) is 0.
- 6. Erikson Institute is in the process of developing its policy regarding HEERF II Student Share Grants (SAIHE). The policy will incorporate the U.S. Department of Education's updated definition of "student" and follow it's guidance that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need.
- 7. Information to assist students in understanding eligibility, the application process and other relevant information is expected to include HEERF website postings and direct emails to students.