**07/09/2021**

**Westmont College – Department of Education – Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement Appropriations Act (CRRSAA)**

**Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)**

**Section 314(a)(1) Student Portion Reporting Disclosure**

Westmont College (Westmont) received additional Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA). Funding was received on January 19, 2021.

Westmont is required to provide at least the same amount of funding in financial aid grants to students as was required to be provided under section 18004(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Westmont received $475,496 in funding from the Department of Education to award as Emergency Financial Aid grants to students under section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act. Westmont has distributed $484,800 in financial aid grants to students under CRRSAA.

CRRSAA requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need in awarding financial aid grants to students. However, institutions are not limited to only distributing the funds to those with exceptional need. Westmont reviewed the financial need of each student (using the 2020-21 FAFSA) and provided the largest grants to the students with the highest levels of unmet financial need. Students with either no demonstrated need or with lower levels of unmet need received smaller grants in recognition that they, too, were impacted by the additional financial burden caused by COVID-19. Financial aid grants totaling $484,800 were given to 982 students. The grants ranged from $200 to $1,000.

Students were given the option to have the financial aid grant sent directly to them via check or applied to their student account. Active confirmation was required to apply the financial aid grant to a student’s account balance. Students who either did not reply to the question about application of the grant to their student account or who declined that option were sent a check.

As of 06/30/2021, all of the section 314(a)(1) CRRSAA student-portion funds have been disbursed as financial aid grants to students. Therefore, this will constitute the final report for funds allocated for financial aid grants to students through section 314(a)(1) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplement Appropriations Act (CRRSAA).