

Hope International University CARES Act / HEERF Emergency Financial Aid Grants

In response to the unprecedented crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the U.S. Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”), which established and funded the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”) to provide relief funding to institutions of higher education. HEERF funds are allocated to the institution with the requirement that at least 50% of the HEERF funds must be used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students to help with expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. Institutions may use up to 50% of the HEERF funds for institutional costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus.

As directed by the U.S. Department of Education (“ED”), institutions receiving HEERF funds must publicly report the following information 30 days after receipt of funds and every calendar quarter thereafter:

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution 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.

Hope International University acknowledges signing and returning its “Certification and Agreement” forms for student grants and institutional funding to the U.S. Department of Education. The University received its allocation of the HEERF funds for student grants on May 21, 2020. Hope International 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.

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

Hope International University has received its full HEERF allocation for Emergency Financial Aid to Students in the amount of \$340,928.

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date of submission (i.e., as of the initial report and every calendar quarter thereafter).

Hope International University has distributed \$340,928 directly to students as of March 31, 2021.

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 thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Hope International University estimates 589 students were eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants for distributions made through March 31, 2021.

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

Hope International University has distributed an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to 589 students as of March 31, 2021.

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.

In accordance with the CARES Act and guidance provided from ED, Hope International University distributed Emergency Financial Aid Grants to as many eligible students as possible, while making available additional funds to students with more significant needs. Eligible students were provided baseline Emergency Financial Aid Grants as follows:

- \$1,000 All degree seeking students who received a federal Pell Grant and were enrolled full time as of March 13, 2020.
- \$500 All degree seeking students who received a federal Pell Grant and were enrolled less than full time as of March 13, 2020.
- \$250 All other full-time degree-seeking students who were eligible to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, whether they did so or not and were enrolled as of March 13, 2020.
- \$125 All other less than full-time degree-seeking students who were eligible to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, whether they did so or not and were enrolled as of March 13, 2020.

The University determined the amount of the baseline Grants by considering the potential economic impact to students, with an emphasis on helping students with the greatest needs while meeting the needs of as many students as possible impacted by the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. The amount of the baseline Grants also ensured that additional funds would be available for impacted eligible students with more significant needs caused by the disruption of campus operations.

Subsequent to the distribution of the baseline Grants, eligible students were provided notices in June 2020 and February 2021 that they could apply for an additional Grant of up to \$500 and \$350, respectively, for extraordinary expenses related to food, housing, course materials, technology, health care over and above baseline Grants. Based on the applications received and student eligibility, a total of \$18,630 of additional Grants were disbursed to 38 eligible students in July 2020 and a total of \$13,923 of additional Grants were disbursed to 41 eligible students in March 2021.

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

Hope International University notified eligible students about the availability of Emergency Financial Aid Grants via the following email from the University's president on May 22, 2020.

[Copy of initial email notification to students]:

May 22, 2020

Dear HIU & NCC Students,

Please take a few minutes to carefully read this email. It is very good news for many of you.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020. Included in the CARES Act was the establishment of a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) of approximately \$14 billion for colleges and universities across the nation. The allocation of HEERF funding to individual colleges and universities was primarily based on the number of Pell grant recipients attending the institution. In accordance with the CARES Act, half of the HEERF funds provided to colleges and universities must be used to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. These expenses include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and childcare. The grants aren't required to be repaid and are nontaxable.

Hope International University (HIU) will receive \$681,856 in total CARES Act HEERF funds, of which \$340,928 will be used to provide emergency grants to students. HIU has submitted the necessary paperwork to the Department of Education to apply for a grant in the amount of \$340,928 for emergency financial aid grants to students and expects to receive this funding by early June. Hope International University is committed using the CARES Act funds, within the parameters set by the government, to help students with the greatest needs while meeting the needs of as many students as possible.

Please visit https://www.hiu.edu/pdf/CARES_Act_Covid-19.pdf for more information, including grant amounts and eligibility requirements. Follow up questions should be directed to Student Financial Services.

I'm grateful that this funding has been made available to provide assistance to our student community as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of our campuses. Thank you for how each one of you have shown what it means to be a Royal, especially during the past couple of months. Know that I am praying for you daily.

In Him,

Dr. Paul Alexander

Paul H. Alexander, Ph.D.

President

Hope International University

Additionally, Hope International University notified eligible students about the availability of additional Emergency Financial Aid Grants for extraordinary expenses related to food, housing, course materials, technology, health care that exceed the baseline Grants via the following email from the University's Student Financial Services on June 2, 2020 and February 19, 2021:

[Copy of email notification to students regarding availability of CARES Act Relief Grant Application]:

June 2, 2020

Dear Student,

The CARES Act Relief Grant Application is now available at <https://bit.ly/HIU-CARES>.

Please note that only those who have received the one-time CARES Act Grant can apply for additional assistance. Unfortunately, the U.S. Department of Education does not allow these funds to be used for international students, undocumented students, non-matriculated students, or students enrolled in a completely online program as of March 13, 2020.

Grant award notification for applications received by June 30, 2020 will be made by July 15, 2020. If grant funds remain available, grant award notifications received between July 1 and July 15, 2020 will be made by July 30, 2020. Grant award notifications will be sent to your HIU email address.

Please email studentfinancialservices@hiu.edu if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Eligible students submitted a CARES Act Relief Grant Application to the University in which the student attested to having incurred extraordinary expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus.

[Copy of CARES Act Relief Grant Application]:

CARES Act Relief Grant Application

A limited portion of the CARES Act emergency financial aid grants for students has been set aside to provide for additional extraordinary expenses related to food, housing, course materials, technology, and healthcare that exceed the one-time grants that were previously awarded.

This application is solely for students that were eligible to receive the one-time grants from HIU's CARES Act funds. Students meeting the criteria for receiving these additional grant funds will be eligible to receive up to an additional \$500. **Since these funds are limited, priority will be given to applications received by June 30, 2020.** The final deadline for submitting grant applications is July 15, 2020. Please note that grant applications received after June 30, 2020 will be reviewed for consideration only if there are remaining funds available from grant applications received by June 30, 2020.

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Please note that in order to apply for a grant from these funds, students must have filed a 2019-2020 FAFSA or be eligible to file a FAFSA**.

Legal Name *

First Name*

Last Name*

HIU ID Number *

HIU Email *

I am a (Check one) *

U.S. citizen

Eligible noncitizen of the U.S.**

I have completed and submitted the 2019-2020 FAFSA *

Yes

No, I am not eligible

No, but I am eligible to file a FAFSA**

I lived on campus and moved off on or after March 13, 2020 *

Yes

No, I didn't live on campus

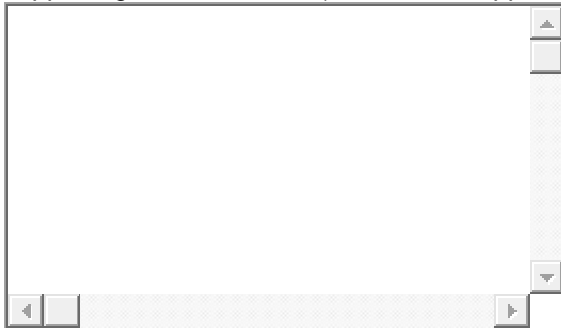
I still live on campus

Please select any of the following items that most accurately reflect how COVID-19 has negatively impacted you: *

- Unexpected food expenses
- Unexpected housing expenses
- Unexpected technology expenses
- Unexpected childcare expenses
- Unexpected course materials expenses
- Unexpected COVID-19 related health care expenses
- Other unexpected expenses incurred due to moving off campus
- Check All

Please indicate the amount of grant requested (\$500 maximum) *

In detail, please describe how the selected item have negatively impacted you and/or your family. Please include estimated money amounts of loss that you or your family have experienced. Please provide supporting documentation (see Attach Supporting Documents section below).* *



****Am I eligible to file a FAFSA?**

To be eligible to receive federal student aid, you must:

- Be a citizen or eligible noncitizen of the United States.
 - U.S. permanent resident, with a Permanent Resident Card (formerly known as an Alien Registration Receipt Card or "Green Card")
 - Conditional permanent resident (I-551C)
 - Other eligible noncitizen with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any one of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Indefinite Parole," "Humanitarian Parole," or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant"
 - A citizen of the Republic of Palau (PW), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (MH), or the Federated States of Micronesia (FM).
- If you are an eligible noncitizen of the U.S., have your eight or nine digit Alien Registration Number (ARN) on the FAFSA.
- Have a valid Social Security Number. (Students from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau are exempt from this requirement.)
- Have a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) certificate, or have completed homeschooling. If you don't, you may still be eligible for federal student aid if you were enrolled in college or career school prior to July 1, 2012. Go to <https://studentaid.ed.gov/eligibility/basic-criteria> for additional information.

- Be enrolled in an eligible program as a regular student seeking a degree or certificate.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress.
- Not owe a refund on a federal student grant or be in default on a federal student loan.
- Register (or already be registered) with the Selective Service System, if you are a male and not currently on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. (Students from the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau are exempt from registering; see <https://sss.gov> for more information.)
- Not have a conviction for the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid (such as grants, work-study, or loans). If you have such a conviction, you must complete the Student Aid Eligibility Worksheet to determine if you are eligible for aid or partially eligible for aid.

By signing below, I agree that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge and is related to the disruption of my education due to COVID19. I also understand that failure to provide true and accurate information will forfeit my ability to receive additional CARES Act Relief Funding.

Signature

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Use your mouse or finger to draw your signature above

Attach Supporting Documents

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Submit Application

[Copy of email notification to students regarding availability of CARES Act Relief Grant Application]:

February 19, 2021

Dear Student,

Applications for the remaining limited funds from the first round of the CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants are now being accepted thru March 5, 2021. The limited remaining funds have been set aside primarily to assist students with technology needs, however, other extraordinary expenses related to food, housing, course materials, and healthcare will also be considered.

PLEASE NOTE: this is the final distribution of the FIRST round of CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants. Information regarding the SECOND round of Emergency Financial Aid Grants made possible by the Consolidated Appropriations Act signed into law on December 27, 2020 will be announced within the next few weeks.

The CARES Act Relief Grant Application is now available at <http://bit.ly/HIU-CARES-1b>. Please note that only those who have received the one-time CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grant in the Spring 2020 semester can apply for

additional assistance. Unfortunately, the U.S. Department of Education does not allow these funds to be used for international students, undocumented students, non-matriculated students, or students enrolled in a completely online program as of March 13, 2020.

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The application below is solely for students that were recipients of the one-time grant from HIU's CARES Act funds that were awarded during the Spring 2020 semester. Students meeting the criteria for receiving these additional grant funds will receive up to \$350. **Since these funds are limited, priority will be given to applications received by March 5, 2021.** Please note that grant applications received after March 5, 2021 will be reviewed for consideration only if there are remaining funds available.

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Yes

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No, but I am eligible to file a FAFSA**

I was a recipient of the initial one-time grant from HIU's CARES Act funding during the Spring 2020 semester *

Yes No

I lived on campus and moved off on or after March 13, 2020 *

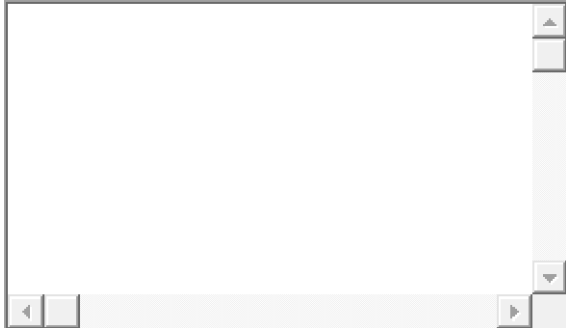
Yes No, I didn't live on campus I still live on campus

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Please indicate the amount of grant requested (\$350 maximum) *

In detail, please describe how the selected item have negatively impacted you and/or your family. Please include estimated amounts of losses or expenses that you or your family have experienced. If available, please provide any supporting documentation for the grant amount requested above. *



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