

## **CARES Act Emergency Grants to Students Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Who is eligible for the emergency student grants?**

Per guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, students who are eligible to receive financial aid under Title IV of the Higher Education Act are eligible to receive CARES Act emergency grants.

### **How do I know if I am Title IV eligible?**

A student is Title IV-eligible if they have filed a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) with the U.S. Department of Education and been approved to receive aid.

### **What if I have not filed a FAFSA?**

If you have not filed a FAFSA, you may do so by May 4, 2020, at <https://studentaid.gov/> to determine your eligibility for a CARES Act Student Grant. Be sure to enter NWU's institutional code (002555) on the application.

### **How do I know if I will receive the phase one grant for disruptions to university housing?**

You will receive an email notification from the Vice President for Finance and Administration if you are eligible to receive the phase one grant.

### **If I receive an emergency student grant for university housing, can I apply for additional funding?**

Yes. You may apply for additional assistance for expenses related to campus disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The committee will review your request based on reasonableness, the number of applicants, and the amount of funding available.

### **What information do I need to complete the CARES Act student grant application?**

The application consists of four sections: contact information, expenses, certification, and submission. Please be prepared to list the total amount of unexpected expenses you experienced in each category since March 13, 2020 resulting from the disruptions to campus operations from the COVID-19 pandemic. You may provide a narrative description as well.

### **What expenses should I include in my application?**

Per the U.S. Department of Education, the emergency grants are for “expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student’s cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care).” Please provide a total amount of expenses in each category that applies to your situation.

### **Do I need to submit receipts?**

No. However, the student must certify that the reported expenses are true and accurate. The committee reserves the right to request documentation on a case-by-case basis to substantiate a request.

**Is there a deadline to apply?**

Yes. NWU students must apply on or before May 11, 2020 at noon to be eligible for an emergency grant related to the disruption of campus operations during the spring 2020 semester.

**How much will I receive?**

Requests will be considered based on reasonableness, the amount of funds available, and the number of applications received.

**Who will review the CARES Act student grant applications?**

A committee has been established to review applications and will consider requests as quickly as possible. The goal is to inform students of their allocation by May 15, 2020.

**How will I receive my emergency grant?**

If you are set up for direct deposit, the funds will be deposited into your bank account. This is the preferred and fastest way to receive the funds. If you are not setup for direct deposit, you may initiate the process here: [WebAdvisor Log In](#). Click on the “Log In” tab near the top right section of the page. Enter your log in information and select “Students”. On the next page under the “Financial Information section” there is a link called “Bank Information (U.S.)”, click on this link and enter your bank routing and account number. Select your account type and how to receive payment advices. Click on the box “I Agree” and click “Submit”. Otherwise, the Business Office will mail a paper check.

**What if I have a balance due on my NWU account?**

This has no bearing on the amount of your emergency grant. No fees or other balances on your student account will be deducted from the grant.

**Do I have to repay the emergency grant?**

No. The emergency grant is not considered financial aid or a loan. You will not need to repay the funds.

**What do I do if I have questions or trouble accessing the application?**

Please contact [CARESActGrant@nebrwesleyan.edu](mailto:CARESActGrant@nebrwesleyan.edu) for assistance.