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Emergency grants for students available — apply by 8 a.m. March 9

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Dear Students,

The federal government has given UWM nearly \$8.5 million through the 2021 CARES Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund to help students who have emergency expenses due to COVID-19. These funds are for any item included in your cost of attendance, including tuition, food, housing, health care, and child care.

To qualify for a Higher Education Emergency Relief grant, you must:

- Have incurred emergency expenses due to COVID-19 on or after Dec. 27, 2020. Eligible expenses include tuition, food, housing, health care and child care for the Spring 2021 term.
- Have been enrolled in a degree-seeking program for the Spring 2021 term at the conclusion of the add/drop period on Feb. 7, 2021.
- Have filed a 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to document being a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen. If you have not already completed a FAFSA, you should do so immediately at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) as the results must be received by UWM no later than March 5, 2021. Processing usually takes at least a week, so please plan accordingly.

Institutions are required to prioritize grants to students demonstrating exceptional financial need. Exceptional financial need for these grant applications will be determined by the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) as calculated by the FAFSA.

If you meet these qualifications, all you need to do is complete [a short grant application](#). Grants will be determined in part, by how many applications are received. We want to help as many students as possible.

All applications submitted by 8 a.m. March 9, 2021, will be considered.

If you have questions about eligibility or the grant application process, email [cares-grant@uwm.edu](mailto:cares-grant@uwm.edu).