Dear Panthers,

I'm writing to let you know:

New student emergency aid is now available!

I know that many of you have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and our move to remote learning. We are doing everything we can to support you and your fellow students. UWM is able to provide financial support to students in need through the federal government's Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This allows us to support students who have been financially impacted by the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19.

Because funding is limited, I strongly encourage you to apply as soon as possible!

To qualify for a CARES grant, you must:

- Have been financially impacted by the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus.
- Be eligible for federal (Title IV) financial aid
- Be enrolled in at least one UWM course on March 13, 2020.
- Have filed a 2019-20 or 2020-21 Free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to document eligibility to participate in federal (Title IV) programs

Eligible expenses include food, housing, course materials, laptops and other technology, health care and child care. Some examples are:

- Signing up for home internet service to complete your online coursework
- Buying a laptop or other computer equipment to do coursework
- Buying groceries after campus dining operations closed
- Paying a fee to end your lease early
- Paying rent for an apartment where you are no longer live
- Be enrolled in a degree or certificate program eligible for federal (Title IV) financial aid

Note that non-degree students are not eligible

Please note: The federal CARES program is separate from UWM’s emergency grant program. UWM has already distributed $90,000 in emergency grants to more than 130 students, and we continue to raise money for additional aid.

Even in this incredibly challenging time, we are here for you. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if there is anything we can do to support.

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What do you mean by Financially impacted?

Things Like:

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There are additional student support resources listed in the Student Handbook.

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