

## Emergency grants for students available — apply by May 12

Dear Students,

While you will also be receiving an email from the Dean of Students Office with a similar message, as a current Federal Pell Grant recipient, we wanted to make sure you are aware of this Emergency Grant and of the need to apply quickly if you feel you meet the criteria. As a Pell Grant recipient, you have already met the criteria in bullet #2 (enrolled in a degree program) and bullet #3 (we have a 2019-20 FAFSA for you).

The federal government has provided UWM with nearly \$8.5 million through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to help students who are struggling with expenses related to the disruption of university operations due to the coronavirus such as food, housing, course materials, laptops and other technology, health care, and child care.

To qualify for a CARES grant, you must:

- Have been financially impacted by the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. Eligible expenses include food, housing, course materials, laptops and other technology, health care and child care. Here are some examples:
  - 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 or rent for an apartment that you are no longer living in.
- Be enrolled in a degree or certificate program eligible for federal (Title IV) financial aid.
  - Most UWM programs are eligible.
  - Note that nondegree students are not eligible.
- 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. If you have not already completed a FAFSA, you should do so at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov). Primary eligibility requirements include having a valid Social Security number, being a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, and if required, being registered with the Selective Service.
- Have been enrolled in **at least one** in-person or hybrid class on March 13, 2020, when President Trump issued his “Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak” proclamation.
  - Students who were enrolled exclusively in online courses on March 13, 2020, are not eligible.

If you meet these qualifications, all you need to do is complete [a short grant application](#). The application is found at <https://uwm.edu/deanofstudents/resources/cares-grant/>. The application asks how much money you need based on your expenses, but please be aware that 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 May 12, 2020, will be considered. Applications submitted after that will be considered on a rolling basis until funds run out. Because funding is limited, you are strongly encouraged to apply by the May 12, 2020, deadline.

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