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CARES grants for students

The university notified more than 8,000 students Tuesday that they will receive grants as part of UWM's distribution of nearly \$8.5 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding. The federal money is intended to help students struggling with expenses such as food, housing, course materials and child care after campus operations were disrupted by the virus.

Each grant will be worth \$950, and students are expected to receive checks within two weeks.

More than 6,000 grant applications were submitted by the priority deadline of May 12. CARES grants are being given to eligible applicants as well as low-income students who did not apply for CARES grants but are eligible. Low-income status was determined by Pell Grant eligibility.

Students who did not qualify for CARES grants have two weeks to request reconsideration. After that, the remaining funds — currently about \$665,000 — will be distributed to eligible students who applied after May 12.

Failure to complete a 2019-20 or 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form was the most common reason students were ruled ineligible for a CARES grant.

More information about CARES grants and an application form are available [on the Dean of Students website](#).