

Washburn University and Washburn Tech have signed and returned to the Department of Education the [Funding Certification and Agreement](#) Emergency Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. At least 50% of the funding received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act will be used to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. During this quarter, Washburn was notified of the allocation under HEERF II (CRRSAA). This increased the total funding that may be allocated towards Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students from \$2,250,087 to \$4,500,174. Washburn and Washburn Tech intend to fully utilize the amounts provided. Plans for utilizing these additional funds are in progress.

30 days from signing the agreement, Washburn University has provided funding to 568 students totaling \$411,856 and Washburn Tech has provided funding to 50 students totaling \$38,574. To date \$450,430 in emergency grant funding under the CARES act has been provided. It is estimated that 3,616 students may be eligible to apply for the emergency grant under the CARES act.

Washburn University student portion of CARES expenditures. At this time, all HEERF I has been depleted.

	# of Grants by Month	Monthly Grants Disbursed	Total Grants Disbursed
Prior Total			\$1,725,148.50
01/31/2021	1	\$563.00	\$1,725,711.50
02/28/2021	35	\$120,246.00	\$1,845,957.50
03/31/2021	6	\$10,802	\$1,856,759.50

3,079 grants have been made to 2,532 different Washburn University students. The average grant per recipient is \$733.32.

Washburn Tech Grant Totals By Month

	# of Grants by Month	Monthly Grants Disbursed	Total Grants Disbursed
Prior Total			\$ 177,505.18
01/31/2021	163	\$ 76,125.00	\$ 253,630.18
02/28/2021	4	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 255,255.18
03/31/2021	5	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 257,755.18

478 grants have been made to 416 different Washburn Tech students. The average grant per recipient is \$619.60.

[Guidance](#) issued from the Department of Education indicates that emergency financial aid grants under Section 18004(c) may only be given to those who are or could be eligible to participate in

programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act. [FAQ](#) question 12 issued by the Department of Education indicates that students enrolled exclusively in an online only program are not eligible for emergency financial aid grants. Washburn University students that are not eligible for emergency grants under the CARES Act may qualify for limited institutional funding. To date, 68 students have received institutional funds totaling \$53,039.

*** July 2020 Update- 115 students have received institutional funding totaling \$100,000. Institutional emergency funds have been depleted.

Application for Spring 2020 & Summer 2020

An application is required to determine student eligibility and funding. Students were notified of the emergency grant application in a campus wide email, through the Washburn COVID-19 webpage, the Washburn University financial aid webpage, Twitter, Facebook, and other methods.

A committee was formed to review CARES grant applications. The committee is tasked with determining which applicants will receive the funds, the amount of the award, and which aid year to place the funds. Consideration may be made on the basis of EFC, enrollment at Washburn, eligibility for title IV aid, availability of funds, and extenuating circumstances on the grant application. If the student is applying for the grant in Spring 2020 or Summer 2020, a valid 2019-2020 FAFSA should be on file. If the student is applying for the grant in Fall 2020, a valid 2020-2021 FAFSA should be on file.

The committee will utilize the following point system. A maximum of 100 points will be allowed. The total points will become a percentage used to calculate the grant. See below.

Approved application		50
Enrollment		
Full-Time enrollment		25
	Three-Quarter-Time enrollment	15
	Half-Time enrollment	10
	Less Than Half-Time enrollment	0
EFC From FAFSA		
	0-5,576	25
	5,577-15,000	15
	15,001+	0

Total out of 100

Enrollment for spring 2020 will be determined based upon frozen hours. For most title IV eligible

students this date would be 01/31/2020. If no hours exist and the student withdrew, we will go off enrollment as of March 13th. If no freeze hours exist and the student is still enrolled, we will go off current enrollment.

The score out of 100 will be converted to a percentage. It will be multiplied by approved expenses to determine the grant amount. The minimum award will be \$100 and the maximum award will be \$6,195 for the 2020-2021 award year. Students not receiving the maximum \$6,195 will be allowed to submit further applications. For example, if the committee determines that the students had \$4,000 of eligible expenses and a score of 75. The committee will take \$4,000 x 75% and determine the Grant amount of \$3,000 for the student.

If a student is ineligible to complete the FAFSA, when determining institutional funding, they will automatically be granted 25 for EFC.

The committee may encourage students to pursue other grant and scholarship opportunities before determining the award.

Funds awarded to students may be used to assist with food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, child care expenses travel, or other. Food and relocation from on campus housing do not require supporting documentation unless the committee determines there is a need for clarification. All remaining expenses will require supporting documentation as indicated on the application. Documentation should explain student expenses resulting from on campus disruptions due to the corona virus.

The committee has decided that initial awards should include up to 3 months of expenses for March 2020, April 2020, and May 2020. This is because on campus disruptions began in March 2020 and emergency grants were first made available in May 2020. Exceptions will be on a case by case basis. Housing expenses will be up to \$700/month. Food will be \$250 per month. Travel and technology expenses will have a maximum of \$1,000. Up to \$750 may be included in technology for a new PC. Childcare expenses will have a maximum of \$1,000 per child. Relocation from on campus housing will be \$250.

The CARES emergency grant will be paid directly to the student and will not directly pay current or prior balances at Washburn. An exception can be made for emergency student loans if they were used to give student access to funds while awaiting the grant. Institutional grants may be used to reduce the student balance.

Application for Fall 2020

All students were notified of the ability to apply for CARES funding for the Fall 2020 semester and reviewed based on the same criteria from the spring and summer semesters. However, options for reimbursement were limited to technology, healthcare, and other expenses directly related to the on campus disruption as a result of COVID-19.

Application for Spring 2021

All students were notified of a CARES application for the Spring 2021 semester for students that experienced a loss of institutional resources **AND** an extension of their academic timeframe as a result of COVID-19. Because this was a documentation of financial need, funding was not prorated based on EFC or enrollment.

Eligibility

- Degree seeking, title iv eligible
- Enrollment in the Spring 2021 semester
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress
- Not enrolled in an online only program
- Lost a Washburn scholarship due to extension of academic timeframe as a result of COVID-19
- Exceeded the maximum timeframe for their Washburn scholarship
 - 8 semester timeframe for most scholarships
 - 4 semester timeframe for transfer student scholarship
 - Other recurring scholarships
 - Non-renewable scholarships are not eligible
- Maintain all other eligibility requirements for the scholarship

Fall 2020 Block Grant

For the Fall 2020 semester, Washburn University will provide a portion of CARES funding through a block grant to eligible students.

Eligibility

Students must meet the following criteria in order to qualify for the block grant

- 2020-2021 FAFSA loaded to Banner as of 08/10/20
- Eligible to receive title iv aid
- Maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress
- EFC 5,711 or below
- Enrollment at Washburn in Fall 2020 in 6 or more credit hours as of 08/09/2020
- Enrolled in a Degree Seeking Program
- Not enrolled in an online only program

Since eligibility is determined based on a snapshot of a point in time, students that experience any changes in eligibility (SAP, EFC, FAFSA) after the spreadsheet is created on 08/10/20, will not be reviewed. An exception to this may be made by the director of financial aid if there are extenuating circumstances.

Grant Amount

Students that qualify for the block grant based on the criteria above may receive up to \$500 for the Fall 2020 semester. Eligibility will prorate depending on enrollment as of 08/09/2020

- \$500 - 100% of initial award. Enrollment in 12 or more credit hours at Washburn University
- \$375 - 75% of initial award. Enrollment in 9-11 credit hours at Washburn University
- \$250 - 50% of initial award. Enrollment in 6-8 credit hours at Washburn University

From: Andy Fogel

Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 8:40 AM

To:

Subject: cares communication

Dear Students,

A grant application now is available for students enrolled in the Spring 2021 semester that experienced a loss of a Washburn University undergraduate academic scholarship or Washburn

University athletic scholarship, were scheduled to graduate in Fall 2020, **AND** will now have their graduation extended by a semester a result of COVID-19. To qualify, students must meet **ALL** of the criteria below.

- Title iv eligibility
- Enrollment in the Spring 2021 semester
- Originally on pace to graduate in Fall 2020 but had graduation date extended to Spring 2021 due to COVID-19
- Lost a Washburn scholarship due to extension of graduation date as a result of COVID-19
- Exceeded the 8 semester timeframe for their Washburn scholarship
 - 4 semester timeframe for transfer students
- Maintain all other eligibility requirements for the scholarship

Awards may vary. Grants, loans, work study, and outside scholarships are not eligible for review.

Please request funding only if you are in immediate need. Due to limited funding, we cannot guarantee the fulfillment of all applications.

Application Process

- Complete the [application](#)
- Provide a statement explaining how your Fall 2020 graduation was extended as a direct result of COVID-19
- Provide supporting documentation demonstrating the extension of your Fall 2020 graduation date **AND** the loss of Washburn scholarships as a direct result of COVID-19.

An example of supporting documentation may include a statement from the student, a statement from an advisor explaining the extension of your graduation from Fall 2020 to Spring 2021, a statement from the department issuing the scholarship explaining that you meet all other eligibility requirements except maximum timeframe.

Applications that do not provide sufficient supporting documentation will not be processed.

There are many students facing unprecedented challenges due to COVID-19, and our goal is to offer support to the largest number possible. We will accept applications until funds are exhausted. <https://www.washburn.edu/admissions/paying-for-college/cares-grant.html>

Fund Distribution

An email will be sent communicating review of your application. Approved applications will have funding sent starting 02/01/2021. Please allow up to two weeks for processing of your application. Direct deposit is the quickest way to receive your funds. If you have not set up your account for direct deposit you can use this link <https://www.washburn.edu/student-life/business-office/ibod/direct-deposit.html>.

We understand you are facing time-sensitive needs, and we are working hard to get these funds to you as quickly as possible. Please continue to visit the COVID-19 link on [Washburn.edu](https://www.washburn.edu) for the latest updates and details about fund distribution methods and other important information related to this virus.

Thank you,

Enrollment Management