### Federal CARES Act Student Emergency Aid

If you are facing an unforeseen financial hardship due to COVID-19, the Office of Financial Aid is here to help.

Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) has been designated to provide emergency grants directly to students (that is the HEERF—Student Share) for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

Logan University has received \$112,142 designated for students through this fund. Priority is on a first come, first served basis to qualifying students. Grants are limited and will be awarded until funding has been exhausted.

## **Student Eligibility Criteria**

The federal act encourages us to give special attention to students with unmet needs, and those who are Title IV eligible. The CARES Act, however, does not address COVID-related expenses incurred by our international students, DACA students, or those students who were already enrolled exclusively online.

Students must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

- 1. Enrolled as an on-campus degree seeking student at the start of Spring 2020 trimester. Students that were originally enrolled in distance education or all online courses prior to March 13, are not eligible to receive these funds.
- 2. Completion of FAFSA for the 2019-2020 academic year and eligible for Title IV.
- 3. Met Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements. More details may be found on Page 185 of the Academic Catalog and Student Handbook.
- 4. Incurred expense(s) as a result of campus operations disruptions due to the COVID-19 circumstances.

## Eligible Expenses for Federal CARES Act Emergency Funds\*

Examples of unforeseen expenses that a student incurred as a result of the COVID-19 circumstances for which the Federal CARES Act Emergency Funds may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Additional course material expenses
- Increased cost of utilities
- Additional technology expenses
- Healthcare costs, including medical treatment/medication that insurance will not cover
- Child care expenses

\*Emergency funds are awarded on a one-time basis and are not renewable. Loss of income/job does not qualify as an allowable expense and cannot be approved to receive these funds. CARES Act funding for Logan University is a finite amount set by the Department of Education and we

expect a large number of applications, thus you may not receive the full amount of funds that you request.

Please find a link to the application <u>here</u>.

# **FAQs**

# How and when will I be notified?

Emergency grants will be processed within two weeks of application. After the application is reviewed, the student will receive an email message notifying them of the outcome. Grant amount decisions cannot be appealed.

### How do I receive this aid?

Emergency grant funds will be processed as a refund. If a student has EFT (commonly referred to as Direct Deposit,) the funds will be remitted directly to the student's personal bank account. If no EFT is established, a check will be issued and mailed to the present address on file.

• EFT is the fastest way to receive the funds. Please visit <a href="www.logan.edu/StudentEFTForm">www.logan.edu/StudentEFTForm</a> to complete if you have not done so.

# Do I need to submit any documentation?

Supporting documentation (receipts) may be requested for certain expenses in order to help approve appropriate funds. These expenses must be the result of the COVID-19 disruptions of campus operations. The dates on the supporting documentation should coincide with the timing of the disruption of campus operations due to the pandemic. The Office of Financial Aid will contact the student requesting any necessary documentation and students should <u>not</u> submit documents unless requested.

### Do CARES Act funds affect my tax status?

CARES Act funds are one-time grants specific to expenses stemming from COVID-19 disruption of campus operations. The funds cannot be counted as part of your gross income for tax credits. More information is available on the IRS website.

## What other resources might be available for me?

If you are not sure whether you qualify for funding under the CARES Act, we strongly encourage you to fill out the application. If you do not meet the qualifications for the relief funds, there may be other emergency funding or aid available to help you. We will filter all applications through every option available to best meet as much need as possible.

Students can also meet with the Student Care Manager, Jennifer Starks, to get additional support for a variety of needs:

• Problem solving issues such as physical and mental well-being, managing academic stress, relationship need, crisis support and acclimating to the many changes in our lives

- Connection to resources and assistance navigating processes or procedures, both on and off campus
- Coordination care and follow-up support

You may connect with the Student Care Manager by phone (636.230.1970) or email (jennifer.starks@logan.edu)

# How do I apply?

<u>Application</u> to apply. To login to the application, you will need to use your Logan email address and password.

# **Additional Questions**

If you have further questions, please contact us. Office of Financial Aid <a href="mailto:financialaid@logan.edu">financialaid@logan.edu</a> or 1-800-782-3344