



## WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY COVID-19 UPDATE

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### CARES Act funds: Students are encouraged to apply now

Students who need financial assistance during the COVID-19 crisis are encouraged to apply for emergency funds provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act by Friday, May 8.

The deadline for applications is May 15; however, **priority will be given to those who apply by Friday, May 8.** [Apply here.](#)

To date, \$2.8 million of approximately \$4.4 million has been awarded to students with the most need as determined by their latest FAFSA filing, said Sheelu Surender, director of the Office of Financial Aid at Wichita State University.

“We are grateful for the CARES Act funding and the immediate relief it can provide many of our students,” Surender said. “For other students who still have a need, we encourage them to submit the application as soon as possible, but urge them to complete it by the May 8 priority date.”

The U.S. Department of Education distributed CARES funds to several universities as a way to ease the financial burdens on the institutions and their students.

The approximately \$4.4 million emergency funds to Wichita State are expected to be distributed to about 4,400 students to provide temporary relief for expenses that are a direct result of the disruption of campus

operations due to COVID-19. Eligible expenses include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and childcare.

For more information on the CARES Act and how WSU will be distributing these funds, and to determine if you are eligible to receive funding, please visit the [WSU CARES Act Student Funding website](#). You can also reach out to the Office of Financial Aid at [finaid@wichita.edu](mailto:finaid@wichita.edu).

While CARES Act funding is only available to those students eligible for Title IV financial aid, WSU recognizes that there are other members of our campus community, including our international students, undocumented students and students enrolled in distance-only degree programs, who may need financial assistance during this difficult time.

For students from any of these groups, there are other types of emergency aid available via the Shockers Up COVID-19 Emergency Fund. For more information on that fund, [please click here](#).

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