



## WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY COVID-19 UPDATE

May 1, 2020

### CARES Act update for Wichita State students

On April 9, the U.S. Department of Education released its official allocations for the newly passed Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security ([CARES](#)) Act. Wichita State University has allocated half of its awarded funds – approximately \$4.4 million – to emergency financial aid grants for eligible students.

These emergency funds are expected to be distributed to approximately 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.

In accordance with Department of Education guidance, and with a goal of reaching as many students as possible, WSU will distribute these funds beginning Monday, May 4, 2020, using a tiered system.

An initial distribution has been designated for WSU Pell-eligible students with unmet need. Each eligible student will receive an automatic payment of \$1,000 either via direct deposit or paper check within 5-7 business days.

Remaining CARES Act Emergency funds will be set aside for eligible students to access through an application process. Students in this group must have filed a 2019-2020 FAFSA or be eligible to file a FAFSA and must complete the application form found [here](#).

Given the limited amount of CARES Act funding, WSU cannot guarantee that all applications submitted will receive funding, so students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. **Applications are due by May 15, 2020.**

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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