

May 1, 2020

Dear Students,

Last week I shared information about the CARES Act, which establishes and funds the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), and that \$5,159,002 was allocated to Metropolitan State University for COVID-19 pandemic relief using a formula based on student enrollment. Of that amount, at least 50 percent (\$2,579,501) must be reserved to provide students with emergency financial aid grants to help cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. This email contains information about the distribution of these funds, beginning next week.

Who is eligible for CARES Act Grants?

Students who were registered for Metropolitan State University spring semester courses on March 6, 2020 and who are not specifically excluded under the terms of the CARES Act are eligible.

Who is excluded under the terms of the CARES Act?

Those who are not eligible include concurrent high school students, postsecondary enrollment option (PSEO) students, those being assessed senior citizen tuition rates, incarcerated students, those enrolled in non-credit courses, international students, DACA students, those enrolled fully online prior to March 6, and those whose tuition was paid through employee waiver of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

Emergency Aid Grants: Students experiencing financial emergency situations as a result of COVID-19 may apply for emergency funds for support. Those who are not eligible include PSEO or concurrent enrollment students, students being assessed senior citizen tuition rates, those enrolled in non-credit classes, and students who have their tuition paid via employee waiver through Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Submitted applications will be carefully considered and reviewed. To be considered, [please submit an application](#).

How will eligible students receive their cash payment?

If you are eligible, you will receive payment through your [BankMobile account](#). The disbursements to your BankMobile account will occur the week of May 4. All students are encouraged to ensure that your BankMobile account is set up and you have access to log into your account. More information on how to set up your BankMobile account can be found on the university's website at <https://www.metrostate.edu/finances/aid/what-to-expect/disbursement>. BankMobile disbursement notifications will come from the following email address: [<refunds@email.bankmobiledisbursements.com>](mailto:refunds@email.bankmobiledisbursements.com).

If you have questions about your BankMobile account or are experiencing any issues setting up your account, please contact Gateway Student Services at 651-793-1300, and select option 5 or visit <https://www.metrostate.edu/students/support/gateway>.

The funds will be distributed as follows:

Student Characteristics (EFC= Estimated Family Contribution)	Amount Awarded	Number of Students Receiving Awards	Total Amount Awarded
EFC between \$0-5,600	\$ 700	2,781	\$1,946,700
EFC between \$5,601-10,000	\$ 400	483	\$ 193,200
All Other Eligible Students Registered on 3/6/20	\$ 100	1,946	\$ 194,600
TOTAL CARES Act Grants		5,210	\$2,334,500
CARES Act Funding for Emergency Aid Grants			\$ 245,001
		TOTAL CARES Act Funding for Students	\$2,579,501

Summer Semester COVID-19 Relief - registration deadline has been extended

All students who register for summer semester by **May 8** will receive \$15 per credit for COVID-19 relief from Metropolitan State University. This is not related to the CARES Act.

- 4 credits = \$60 of COVID-19 relief on your student account
- 8 credits = \$120 of COVID-19 relief on your student account
- 12 credits = \$180 of COVID-19 relief on your student account

Metro's COVID-19 relief will be applied to your student account at the end of May. The credit will be applied to any balance on your student account. If you have already fully paid for summer, the credit balance will be disbursed via BankMobile.

As spring semester wraps up and we kick off summer semester on May 9, we want you to know that our faculty and staff are here to support you. We will do everything we can to help ensure your academic progress and success. Please reach out if you run into issues by emailing covid-19@metrostate.edu.

Sincerely,

Virginia (Ginny) Arthur
President