



HEERF/CARES Act Emergency Grant

WHAT IS IT, HOW DO I APPLY, AND HOW IS ELIGIBILITY DETERMINED?

WHAT IS THE HEERF/CARES ACT EMERGENCY GRANT:

The HEERF/Cares Act Emergency Grant Fund was established by the Federal Government's CARES Act legislation in response to COVID-19. Limited funds have been made available from the U.S. Department of Education to allow Virginia Wesleyan University to assist its students and their families who may need assistance with living expenses while completing their coursework during the time of the pandemic. **This is a not a loan, students will not be required to return these funds. It is also not calculated as part of the student's financial aid award and therefore does not affect financial aid.**

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply for the HEERF/CARES Act Emergency Grant, applicants must have an urgent need for funds **due to circumstances related to COVID-19**. Examples of circumstances are listed in the below Eligibility Requirements. Students must complete the HEERF/CARES Act Emergency Grant Application to be considered for funding. **FUNDS ARE LIMITED AND ONLY FOR A LIMITED TIME.** Students who have received previous awards from the Student Emergency fund will be considered on a case by case basis. The deadline for submission of the application and required support is March 18th, 2022.

HOW IS ELIGIBILITY DETERMINED:

All applications will be reviewed for approval. Emergency funding is not guaranteed. Funding is contingent upon approval and the availability of funds. It is expected that the applicant needing financial assistance will have first exhausted their immediate support network and any state or nonprofit agencies, as this will ensure the availability of limited funds up to the established maximum amount to all applicants. Emergency grant funds are only available to U.S. Citizens and eligible non-citizens with a social security number. Emergency grant funds are available to students that had their studies disrupted as a result of COVID-19.

QUALIFYING EXPENSES:

The funds are intended to provide immediate short-term emergency assistance due to unforeseen extenuating circumstances related to COVID-19, such as a loss of job by self, a spouse, or an immediate family member that provides support to the student. The grant may only be used for a student's education related expenses while enrolled at Virginia Wesleyan University. These expenses include:

- Books, Supplies or Course Materials
- Technology expenses such as a computer or internet access
- Housing or Living Expenses
- Food or Groceries
- Childcare
- Healthcare
- Miscellaneous living expenses

WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?

To be considered for the Emergency Grant, applicants must have experienced one of the following unforeseen circumstances:

- Loss of Employment related to COVID-19- student, spouse, or supporting parent/guardian
- Illness of student or immediate family member
- Death of an immediate family member
- Separation or Divorce
- Need for technology access that meets the minimum standards (see FAQ page for specs)
- Other substantiated extenuating circumstance

Incomplete Applications or submission with no supporting documentation may not be considered. A written response with award amount will provided by March 30th.

CARES Act Emergency Grant Application



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CARES ACT EMERGENCY GRANT APPLICATION

Before completing this form, please carefully review the above CARES Act Emergency Grant Guidelines. **Please be as detailed as possible when filling out this application.**

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| Name: | | Student Id No: | |
| Email: | | College/Major: | |
| Contact Address: | | Contact Phone: | |
| Preferred Contact: | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Email | | |

Are you currently receiving financial aid/scholarships?

- Yes
- No

STATEMENT OF NEED

Please provide an explanation of the event(s) for which you are in need of assistance in the space provided below:

How much funding are you requesting?

How will this funding be used?

Please list what supporting documentation you are attaching to support your need statement?

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| Submitted by (Printed Name) | Signature: | Date: |
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| Received by (Printed Name) | Title | Signature: | Date: |
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