



May 13, 2020

Dear CAU Students:

This is an update to the email sent to you on May 6<sup>th</sup>. We are pleased to announce that the methodology has been finalized and we will be distributing the CARES Act funds from the Federal Government to eligible students. As previously communicated, all of the funds will be disbursed to Title IV eligible students as Emergency Financial Aid Grants, with some exceptions noted below.

In this communication, we are sharing with you the following:

1. What students are eligible to receive funds.
2. What students are not eligible to receive funds.
3. How the funds will be disbursed to the students.
4. When students can expect to receive funds.

#### 1. What students are eligible to receive funds.

The U. S. Department of Education has set forth guidelines to which the University must adhere to determine grant eligibility.

- Students must be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended. For purposes of disbursement of these funds, the University will base determination of eligibility on the existence of each student's 2019-2020 FAFSA.
- Students must be United States citizens (or eligible non-citizens).
- **Students must use funds for eligible expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus to include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and childcare (CARES Act Section 18004(c)).**
- Students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements, as outlined by Financial Aid guidelines.

#### 2. What students are not eligible to receive funds.

The following students are **not eligible** to receive emergency funds through the CARES Act.

- Students who were enrolled exclusively in online programs on or before March 13, 2020 (the date of the President's national emergency proclamation due to the coronavirus).
- Students selected for verification who did not complete the process and/or did not submit the required documentation.

#### 3. How the funds will be disbursed to the students.

Students identified by the Office of Financial Aid as Title IV eligible (as per the above guidelines) will receive funds via Bank Mobile (i.e., direct deposited into the personal checking account or to the Bank Mobile Vibe account) based upon the students refund preference selected.

#### 4. When students can expect to receive allocated funds.

Emergency Financial Aid Grants will be disbursed to eligible students by May 31, 2020.

We appreciate your endurance and dedication to CAU; we are fully committed to assisting you whenever and however we can.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Omar Estrada Torres".

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