

CARES Act Student Emergency Grant Funds: ACTION NEEDED

The enclosed check is related to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act

President Trump is providing support to college students impacted due to the disruption of campus operations. Funding includes limited grants sent to colleges for emergency financial aid to students. Our college is in the process of administering these funds provided through the US Department of Education. Enclosed is your check for an emergency grant. This is a grant, and will not need to be paid back.

What do you need to do?

Within 30 days you need to sign an attestation (attestation was made available online)

Why did President Trump provide these grants? President Trump wants students to stay the course and remain in college. Therefore, you are receiving this to address pressing financial need due to the disruption of campus operations from coronavirus, and pursuant to the authority duly delegated to the Secretary of Education who has stated that she hopes these funds will aid students to stay in school and continue their studies. This authority, comes under the CARES Act and is associated with the coronavirus emergency, as stated in Proclamation 9994 of March 13, 2020, "Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak," (*Federal Register* Vol. 85, No. 53 at 15337-38) and according to the most recent guidance we have received.

How are grants determined? Grants may be used solely for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses. Since all students are impacted from a technology perspective, each student, that qualifies (according to the Secretary of Education, students must have completed or been eligible to complete a FAFSA, and meet other criteria specified) is receiving a grant of \$350.

Additional funds for other expenses may be available to Active Students beginning after the May 2020 term/semester add/drop period. If you have completed the student survey emailed and/or texted to you, you have applied. If not, please complete the survey now. If you are unsure, you may access the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FWK76LN>

Thank you, the CW Cares Committee. CWCares@cw.edu

******If you do not have a need for these funds, please alert us so that we may reallocate******

Student Attestation

As outlined in the disclosure I received with my \$350 grant check, I understand that the U.S. Department of Education has made a limited Emergency Financial Aid Grant to The College and that all eligible students, as determined by the Secretary of the US Department of Education, including me, are receiving some financial support through this grant. Grants are based upon needed financial support for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus. I attest that I am receiving an initial \$350 grant due to technology needs as a student who was/is enrolled at The College of Westchester during the Pandemic. I also attest that all the information I provided, or will provide, on this form and the student survey is true and accurate.

I hereby attest that I will use these Emergency Financial Aid Grant funds to help cover the cost of expenses incurred and allowed by the Secretary due to the Coronavirus pandemic. I understand that I am unable to revise any request that I have submitted or will submit, and I understand that the CW Cares Committee of my school will determine my eligibility for further limited grant monies based on my response to the survey/application. Additional grants will be made available after the May Add/Drop period. Further funds may or may not be available to me. By sending this form electronically, and typing my name on the signature line below, I am attesting to that noted within.

**Appendix to: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Report
Emergency Grants to Students Disclosure Information : May 21, 2020**