

CARES Act emergency grant funds still available

Students may apply for funding through August 22, 2020.

 August 20, 2020

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Oakland University is still providing emergency grants to eligible students from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). The additional grants are limited to a maximum of \$500 each to cover certain student expenses related to the campus disruption due to the coronavirus.



Students who already received an initial [CARES Act emergency grant](#) and who have additional financial need or hardship due to the coronavirus may [apply](#) for additional grants to help cover certain expenses.

Students who did not receive an initial CARES Act emergency grant and who filed a 2019-2020 FAFSA by the June 30, 2020 federal deadline may also submit an application.

Students must meet eligibility requirements for Title IV federal student aid; therefore, they must have completed a 2019-2020 FAFSA. Of the \$6.8 million OU received, \$597,649 remains to be awarded in emergency grants through the application process, **available through August 22, 2020**. Eligible students will be selected for emergency grants on a rolling basis until the funding designated for this purpose is exhausted. Recipients will receive an official notification with directions on how to sign up for [non-payroll direct deposit](#), so they can safely and easily secure the grants in a timely manner.

Students not eligible for CARES Act HEERF grant funding may apply for assistance from other institutional funds, such as the [OU Student Emergency Relief Fund](#). These funds have different eligibility requirements than the CARES Act HEERF grants. Students are also encouraged to discuss other financial options with [Student Financial Services](#) at finservices@oakland.edu or (248) 370-2550.

Prior to this process, 10,681 Oakland University students were automatically selected (no application required) to receive an emergency grant of \$500 for a total of \$5.3 million, which was disbursed from May 15-22. This initial group of students met the following criteria:

- 1) Title IV aid eligible (2019-20 FAFSA)
- 2) Registered for Winter 2020 in at least 1 credit hour as of March 13
- 3) Not attending 100 percent online courses/program prior to March 13

The new application process yielded an additional 1,392 awards for a total of \$693,400 disbursed to students through August 12th.