

Dear MSMU Student,

I hope you remain safe and well during this crisis as we approach the end of the spring semester. As many of you are already aware, MSMU is eligible under the federal Covid Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide assistance in the form of direct cash grants to students most impacted by the Covid-19 Pandemic. This email is to provide a bit more information about this funding and the application process to receive assistance.

MSMU may provide emergency grants to students under the CARES Act who experienced expenses related to the disruption of on campus classes caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Included are the expenses in your university cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.

The funds are available for graduate and undergraduate students. Students do not need to already be receiving federal financial aid in order to qualify for assistance, however, only students who are eligible to receive federal financial aid may receive funding under the CARES Act.

These funds are not part of a financial aid award and eligible students may use these funds to address whatever emergency financial needs they are experiencing. Students enrolled in fully online programs prior to the Covid-19 disruption of on campus courses are NOT eligible to receive funding per the federal guidelines and we invite those students to reach out to financial aid for concerns over financing your education.

If you are facing unique costs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, you should complete the CARES Act Emergency Assistance Application. This application identifies costs that may make you eligible for emergency grant funding. As funds are limited, they will be awarded based on the number of students in need and the necessary institutional methodology to best assist the most students. Students may not be directly reimbursed for all costs included in the application.

You can access the [application here](#).

We ask that all students submit their application as soon as possible and we will begin dispersal of the funds as soon as we receive the grant from the federal government through the Office of Financial Aid. We will continue providing funds until the entire allotment of MSMU CARES Act funding is provided to students.

Please reply to this email if you have any questions after reviewing the application.

Sincerely,

Brian O'Rourke

Vice President for Enrollment Management