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Important information about CARES Act funding for students

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Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

UNLV has been awarded \$11.8 million in federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act funds to assist undergraduate, graduate, and professional students impacted by COVID-19-related difficulties during the Spring 2020 semester. Although this sounds like a lot of money, it will only provide some relief to a subset of our students.

UNLV has established an objective metric to distribute the federal funds to students who have the greatest financial need based on their 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application. Students in this group do not need to request the funds; they should receive automatic notification of the award in [MyUNLV](#) on or before May 1, 2020. Students will need to accept the award before funds are transferred. Awards will be based exclusively on Expected Family Contribution and Unmet Need as calculated by FAFSA. Awards will range from about \$500 to \$1,000.

Students who are not awarded funding in this first wave have until May 15, 2020, to request assistance. The request form will be shared on or before May 6, 2020. A campus-wide email will alert students when the request process is open. Factors such as job loss, childcare or medical expenses, housing or food insecurity, an inability to pay for educational supplies, technology, or expenses will be considered. Awards to those who complete the request process will be in the same range as the automatic awards.

We understand this global pandemic has presented incredible challenges for most of our students. Unfortunately, these funds will not reach everyone nor fulfill the full need for those who do receive them. Federal guidelines mandate that only FAFSA-eligible students and students who were not fully online at the beginning of this semester can receive these funds. Additionally, we will have to prioritize students with the greatest FAFSA documented need.

We are committed to full transparency in this process. UNLV's Student Support staff are ready to provide assistance remotely (for now). If you need help with this process or anything, please reach out via unlv.edu/students/help.

Sincerely,



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