

## **Subject: CARES Act Funding for Students**

Dear Students,

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020, to provide federal funding to address the economic impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19). UA Little Rock received approximately \$3 million from the CARES Act to award directly to eligible students. UA Little Rock's goal in using the funds is to help students meet the critical needs they are experiencing due to COVID-19 and related expenses as students pursue a degree from UA Little Rock.

As of August 17th, UA Little Rock has awarded over \$2.3 million of the student portion of CARES Act funding to students. To this point, students enrolled in spring, as well as summer courses have been awarded CARES Act aid via the direct aid funding model. Students were not required to apply for funding via the funding model. There will be no direct aid funding model awards for fall 2020.

For Fall 2020, students will be required to apply for CARES Act funding via the *CARES Act Aid Application*. Eligible undergraduates and graduates, including students enrolled at the Bowen School of Law and the Clinton School of Public Service, may apply to receive reimbursement of COVID-19 related expenses through the *CARES Act Aid Application*.

Students who previously received funding via the *CARES Act* can now reapply for additional aid. Students must be enrolled in Fall '20 main campus courses to be awarded CARES Act funding. Awards will be awarded on a first come first served basis.

Undergraduates should apply [here](#).

Graduates, including Bowen School of Law and Clinton School of Public Service, should apply [here](#).

Students who receive funds through the *CARES Act Aid Application* must meet eligibility requirements provided by the U.S. Department of Education, including:

- Must have a FAFSA on file with UA Little Rock for the 20-21 academic year.
- Must be enrolled in fall 2020 courses at UA Little Rock
- Must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress at UA Little Rock
- Enrolled in either a primary or a secondary degree program that is not an online degree.
  - Students enrolled in UA Little Rock Online Campus are ineligible.
- Must agree that the funds will be used for "expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care)."

**Questions?**

Awards will be posted to your BankMobile account. If you have questions about BankMobile, please contact the Bursar's Office <https://ualr.edu/bursar/>.

Undergraduates with questions concerning the *CARES Act Aid Application* may submit questions to [financialaid@ualr.edu](mailto:financialaid@ualr.edu).

Graduates, including students from the Bowen School of Law and the Clinton School of Public Service, may submit questions concerning the *CARES Act Aid Application* to [gradschool@ualr.edu](mailto:gradschool@ualr.edu).