

## **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 June 30th, UA Little Rock has awarded over \$2.2 million of the student portion of CARES Act funding to students. To this point, students enrolled in spring, as well as Summer I & II were awarded CARES Act aid via the Method 1 direct aid funding model. Under this method, no application was required from students. Additional disbursements using the funding model will be made for Summer III, Summer IV, and Fall 2020. The direct aid funding model award amounts are based on multiple factors, including the number of enrolled credit hours as well as unmet financial need as determined from the FAFSA. Students are not required to apply for funding via the funding model.

The second method to receive funds is through 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*.

Undergraduate students who previously received funding via the *CARES Act Aid Application* can reapply for additional aid starting July 1, 2020.

Undergraduates should apply [here](#). (Note: Undergraduates should only submit a *CARES Act Aid Application* if they received no or insufficient funding through Method 1, *CARES Act Direct Aid for Undergraduates*.)

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 19-20 academic year.
- 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).