

Dear Students,

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act is a federal law that was passed on December 27, 2020. The law provides financial relief to higher education institutions to address the economic impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19). UA Little Rock will disburse approximately \$4 million in student aid directly to eligible students. UA Little Rock's goal in using the funds is to help students meet the critical needs due to COVID-19 as students pursue a degree from UA Little Rock.

The funding has been available to eligible undergraduates and graduate students for the spring 2021 term and will continue to be available in summer and fall. Awards will occur during spring 2021, summer 2021, and fall 2021 terms. There are two methods for students to receive funds for the summer 2021 awards.

### **Method 1: Direct Aid for Undergraduates**

The first method is through the CARES Act Direct Aid for Undergraduates, which will be used to award funds directly to undergraduate students enrolled in the summer 2021 term who also have a FAFSA on file. Initial disbursements are expected by June 7, 2021. Eligible undergraduates will receive an award posted to their BankMobile account (see below for BankMobile instructions). The award amount is based on multiple factors, including the number of enrolled credit hours as well as unmet financial need as determined from the FAFSA. Students who receive funds through the CARES Act Direct Aid for Undergraduates must meet eligibility requirements provided by the U.S. Department of Education, including:

- Enrolled as a degree-seeking undergraduate as of June 1, 2021.
- Submitted a FAFSA for the academic year 2020-21.

There is no action required for eligible undergraduates to receive these funds except verifying your BankMobile account (see below).

### **Method 2: CARES Act Aid Application**

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.

All students, **undergraduate or graduate**, should use the [CARES Act Summer 2021 Application](#) to apply for funding. 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 also apply via the application linked above. All enrolled students are eligible to apply and receive funding through the CARES Act application.

Awards for approved applications will be disbursed periodically, usually weekly, depending on the number of applications received and the availability of funds.

**Important: Please Verify Your BankMobile Account**

UA Little Rock intends to disburse the funds as quickly as possible to eligible students. To ensure there are no delays in processing, please verify you have signed up to receive refunds through BankMobile. If you are unsure of the process, or have not signed up, please review the instructions for BankMobile at [ualr.edu/bursar](http://ualr.edu/bursar).

**Questions?**

Awards will be posted to your BankMobile account. If you have questions about BankMobile, please contact the Bursar's Office at [studentaccounts@ualr.edu](mailto:studentaccounts@ualr.edu).

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

UA Little Rock intends to provide eligible students with funding through an equitable and expedient process. We hope these funds will help you address the critical needs you're experiencing due to COVID-19.

Sincerely,

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