

CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund for Students

UNMC was awarded funds through the CARES Act: Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund for distribution to students who have experienced a financial hardship due to the disruption of campus operations by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The majority of the available funds are being awarded to eligible students known to have experienced a financial hardship directly related to COVID-19's disruption of campus operations and those who experience the same in the immediate future. However, a portion of those funds has also been made available for grants to UNMC students through an Emergency Assistance Application process. Emergency grants are expected to be used for eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance.

Specific examples of students who may benefit from the application process include, but are not limited to:

1. Students whose children were enrolled in a campus daycare and because of the daycare's closure or reduction of service the children had to be relocated to another facility for their care. Students must provide documentation of the daycare enrollment and a copy of the new daycare facility contract with care costs provided. The CARES Act funding can be used to cover the difference in the cost of the campus daycare and the new daycare.
2. Students who were on clinical rotations who had their clinical experience terminated which resulted in an abrupt return to UNMC. Students must provide documentation of the assigned clinical rotation; travel costs for the return trip to Nebraska; and any housing lease agreements that were terminated without the benefit of a refund from the leasing company. The CARES Act funding can be used to cover travel costs and the unused portion of a short-term housing lease.

Eligibility for CARES Act Funding

To be eligible to receive a grant through the CARES Act, UNMC students must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Current UNMC student enrolled as an undergraduate, graduate, or professional student in Spring 2020, Summer 2020, and/or Fall 2020. Students enrolled exclusively online prior to March 13, 2020 are not eligible.
- Student must demonstrate eligibility for Title IV funding. To verify funding eligibility, a FAFSA must be on file in the UNMC Financial Aid Office.
- Must be an eligible citizen of the United States or an eligible non-citizen for Title IV funding.
- Must be a degree-seeking student at UNMC.

- Student can document a financial hardship due to the disruption of campus operations by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- For funding through the Emergency Assistance Application process, student must follow the instructions below for requesting funding.

Funding is limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are granted funds, you will receive an email to your UNMC email address. In the meantime, please be sure to sign up for [direct deposit](#) in MyRecords as that will be the quickest way to receive any grant funds awarded. If you have questions about the CARES Act Emergency Assistance Application process, please contact finaid@unmc.edu.

Requesting Consideration for Funding through Emergency Assistance

To apply for funding through the UNMC CARES Act Emergency Assistance Application process, use your UNMC email address and submit the following information with a subject line noting "CARES Act Funding Request" to finaid@unmc.edu for review by the committee:

- Description of the financial hardship you have experienced directly related to COVID-19's disruption of UNMC campus operations, including specific dollar amounts for which you are seeking assistance.
- Necessary documentation should be attached separately to your email.