

April 27, 2020

Dear Students,

I appreciate your patience with the COVID-19 Emergency Grant process as we navigate the new and updated guidance from the U.S. Department of Education. One hundred percent of these funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Education through the CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. Based on the new criteria that came out last week, the following requirements apply to the COVID-19 Emergency Grants.

- Students must complete a 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
  - If you have already submitted a 2019-2020 FAFSA to Mid-State, you do not need to submit another one.
  - For those who haven't yet submitted a 2019-2020 FAFSA, instructions on how to do so can be found at <https://www.mstc.edu/paying-for-college/financial-aid/completing-fafsa>.
- Students must be enrolled in a financial-aid eligible program.
- These funds must be used for expenses due to the COVID-19 closure of Mid-State campuses and move to online classes (i.e. food, utilities, technology, course materials, or childcare).

For those who haven't yet applied but wish to do so, the application is now open. You can apply for these grants by clicking [here](#).

Again, I thank you your patience.

Thanks,  
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April 22, 2020 Update: Mid-State has closed the application process for the COVID-19 Emergency Grant. We have received new guidance from the U.S. Department of Education and are working to ensure we meet those requirements. In addition, we have received a large volume of applications. Applications received will be processed based on the updated guidance and decision letters will be sent to students as soon as possible. We may re-open the application next week if funding is still available. Please watch your Mid-State email for updates.

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April 17, 2020

Dear Students,

Our top priority at Mid-State is the health, well-being, and success of our students. We recognize this is a challenging financial time for many students. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused disruptions in many areas of our lives, including your education. To support you during this time, Mid-State has applied and been approved to offer you COVID-19 Emergency Grant dollars through the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. If COVID-19 has caused you to be in need of financial support for food, housing (including utility costs), course materials, technology (including internet, computer, software, etc), childcare, or healthcare costs, you may qualify for these grants. I encourage you to apply to stay on track, finish the spring semester, register for summer/fall semesters and ultimately graduate from Mid-State. We have simplified our application for these grants. **Apply for the COVID-19 Emergency Grants by clicking [here](#).**

Here are some frequently asked questions related to these grants.

- Do I have to pay back this money?
  - No! This will come in the form of a grant, and you will not need to pay it back.
- Once I apply, what happens next?
  - After you apply, you will receive an email with a decision on your request within 2 business days.
- When can I expect to get the funds?
  - In most cases, students will receive funds within 7-10 days of the decision.
- How much can I receive with this grant?
  - The amount each student is eligible for is determined by their specific needs, up to a maximum of \$1,500 for the spring semester.
- I have not received financial aid in the past, can I still receive these grants?
  - Yes! If you haven't received other forms of financial aid, you may still qualify for these special grants.
- Is this grant only for the spring semester?
  - If there are remaining funds after the spring semester, we will continue this grant into the summer semester.
- How do I apply for this grant?
  - To apply, complete the following form: [mstc.edu/covid-19-funds](https://mstc.edu/covid-19-funds)
- Can I get this grant deposited directly into my bank account?
  - Yes! To do so, Log in to your myMSTC and click the eAccount Management tile. Log in again using the same credentials as myMSTC. Click "Electronic Refunds" under My Profile Setup, select

“Set Up Account” and complete the fields that follow selecting the refund method of either checking or savings account.

- I go to school part-time, would I still qualify?
  - Yes! Part-time or full-time students qualify for these grants. I encourage you to apply.

We are here for you. If you are in need of other resources, please check out our student resource kit at <https://www.mstc.edu/covid-19-coronavirus/student-resource-kit> or reach out to your [advisor](#) for help.

Stay well,

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