

CARES Act Dollars Available to Helena College Students

We are excited to announce that emergency financial aid grants are available to our students through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. As many of you know, the CARES Act was passed by Congress and signed into law to help provide economic relief from the COVID-19 pandemic. A portion of dollars from the CARES Act was designated to provide emergency financial aid grants to eligible students.

If you do not qualify for emergency assistance through the CARES Act, please reach out to our Financial Aid Office. There are additional sources available at Helena College for emergency grant money and we are here to help you navigate this process.

Helena College's Financial Aid Office will use information from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine student eligibility for CARES Act funds. If you have not yet filed your 2019-20 FAFSA, please visit studentaid.gov. If you have any questions about the FAFSA, please contact our Financial Aid Office.

Below you will find additional guidelines on eligibility and what these emergency grant dollars can be used for. For the full details and form to submit a request for an emergency financial aid grant please [visit this page](#).

COVID-19 Emergency Grant Eligibility Requirements:

- Degree seeking and enrolled at Helena College as of March 13, 2020 for the Spring 2020 Semester.
- Experiencing unexpected financial hardship resulting from the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.
- Have a valid 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file. If you do not have one of file, you are able to submit a FAFSA until June 30, 2020.

COVID-19 Emergency Grant Guidelines:

- Grants do not typically exceed \$1,000 and are specific to the identified need.
- A student can receive only one emergency grant per academic year.

What this grant covers related to emergency or unforeseen circumstances:

- Technology and connectivity needs related to distance learning
- Textbooks and other instructional expenses
- Overdue utility bills reaching a turn-off notice
- Sudden loss of Housing/Rent
- Food/Groceries
- Personal Automobile/Travel
- Childcare
- Other emergency or unforeseen circumstances

For further details and a form to request an emergency financial aid grant through the CARES Act, [visit this page](#). If you have any questions about this, or any other financial aid matters, be sure to contact our Financial Aid Office at 406-447-6916, or financialaid@helenacollege.edu.