

CARES Act Information

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Sullivan University Students,

As you may have heard and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States Congress passed legislation commonly referred to as the CARES Act that provides, among other things, funding for colleges and universities to disperse to students for assistance with various expenses related to cost of attendance (COA). Funds are to be disbursed by institutions once received from the U.S. Department of Education, and are required by statute to be used to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Eligible expenses may include food, housing, course materials, healthcare, technology and childcare. The Department of Education has asked institutions to direct these funds to students with the most need, while also attempting to distribute funds as widely as possible.

Sullivan University staff are working diligently to develop a process and plan to begin making funds available to those with need. Once the census process is complete and our active student roster is finalized for the spring term, we will be able to share more details about how these funds may be made available.

We ask for your patience as we develop a disbursement program that is fair and in compliance with U.S. Department of Education requirements and guidelines. Please continue to monitor your student email for information about this assistance program.

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CARES Act Information - Update

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Fri 5/1/2020 11:58 AM

Sullivan University Students,

Per Dr. Marr's email on April 13, 2020 describing CARES Act funding, Sullivan University is continuing to work on a program to distribute funds to eligible students for qualifying expenses. In developing the program, it is essential that the program complies with both the spirit and the tenets of the law as written in the Act, as well as with regulatory guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education. Many institutions, including Sullivan University, have delayed the finalization of their program and disbursements of funds related thereto due to regulatory guidance that is not entirely clear and/or has changed over the last several weeks. To avoid pitfalls that could arise due to an erroneous distribution of funds, it is imperative that a compliant program be developed and carefully administered. Once our program is complete and verified by our auditors, we will move forward with announcing a distribution program. Please know that Sullivan University has not yet drawn down any CARES Act funds.

To help everyone understand the challenges faced by institutions attempting to craft a compliant program, the links below navigate to some media sources that highlight some of the concerns and challenges surrounding the program.

https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2020/04/30/devos-criticized-excluding-more-daca-studentsemergency-grants?utm_source=Inside+Higher+Ed&utm_campaign=c341a832e2DNU_2019_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1fcbc04421-c341a832e2-198494589&mc_cid=c341a832e2&mc_eid=863a169727

<https://www.indystar.com/story/news/education/2020/04/23/coronavirus-stimulus-indiana-collegesdont-know-how-spend/3000438001/>

Sullivan University thanks you for your continued understanding and patience while we work towards utilization of this opportunity. We are continuing to work hard to make funding available in a compliant manner that helps with financial needs for eligible expenses.

CARES Act (HEERF) Fund Availability - Second Cycle

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Wed 7/29/2020 10:44 AM

Sullivan University Students,

As a result of disruptions caused to post-secondary students by the coronavirus, the U.S. Congress has made funds available to help mitigate the impact as it relates to several categories. This email is to advise all students that Sullivan University was awarded \$1,451,609.00 of HEERF funds to distribute to eligible students. Last term, Sullivan University awarded \$735,250.00 to 1,175 students. As a result, Sullivan University has a minimum of \$716,359.00 remaining to distribute at this time.

Sullivan University is initiating a second cycle for distribution of these funds directly to students. In order to do so, the institution has developed a Plan to provide limited funds to impacted students through an attestation process that provides grants to eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis, while funding lasts.

Eligible students must meet the following criteria for an award:

- Funds are available for 5 categories which include:
 - Food, Housing, Course Materials and Technology, Healthcare, Childcare
- Students must have completed a FAFSA and be eligible for any type of Title IV Financial Aid
- Students enrolled in an all-online program are not eligible for participation. This limitation was written into the CARES Act authorized by the United States Congress. Sullivan University has no control or ability to disregard this limitation. Those programs include:
 - AS Community Health Services
 - AS Health Information Management
 - Medical Coding Diploma
 - BS Human Resource Leadership
 - BS Hospitality Management
 - Computed Tomography
- Eligible students will receive \$500. Students with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$0.00, as determined by the FAFSA, may receive an enhancement of \$250.00.
- The maximum amount awarded to any one student at this time is \$750.00

Once approved and before disbursement of funds, students must complete an attestation certifying that (1) The information provided in the attestation is true and correct to the best of the student's knowledge; (2) The student is eligible for Title IV Federal Financial Aid; (3) That

student understands that any money awarded from the grant is to be used for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Expenses include eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance in the calculation of Federal Financial Aid, such as food, housing, course materials and technology, health care and childcare. Money received through this grant is intended to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations.

For the purposes of notifications and administration of this program, and, because external email addresses cannot be verified for security and authenticity, **Sullivan University officials will ONLY communicate with students through their Sullivan University Student Email account.**

If Sullivan University has determined you may be eligible based on the above criteria, you will receive a follow-up email with a link to an electronic attestation form to complete. The deadline for application of funds will be Monday, August 31, 2020. If you are approved for the HERRF grant, you will receive an email confirmation that your funds will be disbursed through our normal stipend process to your designated account with BankMobile. If you are not familiar with BankMobile and the stipend process, more information will be included in the email that will be sent to eligible students. If you believe you meet all the following criteria, but do not receive an attestation form via email within 24 hours, please contact Financial Planning @ slvfinplan@sullivan.edu.

CARES Act (HEERF) Attestation

Sullivan Announcements (donotreply) <Announcements@sullivan.edu>
Wed 7/29/2020 10:54 AM

Dear Student,

Per the email sent to all students earlier today, Sullivan University has determined you may have eligibility for the CARES Act (HEERF) grant as a result of disruptions to campus operations caused by the coronavirus.

If you are approved for the HEERF grant after applying for a grant through the attestation process, you will receive an email confirmation to your Sullivan University email account that your funds will be disbursed through our normal stipend process to your designated account with BankMobile. If you are not approved, you will receive email confirmation of that as well. For notifications about this program, student eligibility, etc., and, to ensure security and authenticity, Sullivan University officials will ONLY communicate with students through their Sullivan University email account.

Note about BankMobile accounts:

BankMobile is the agency Sullivan University partners with to distribute stipend funds to students. If you are eligible for the proposed HERRF grant and do not already have a BankMobile account, you will need to create one. Please follow the directions below. If you need assistance, please call BankMobile's customer care number below and a representative will walk you through the process on the phone.

To create an account:

1. Visit www.RefundSelection.com
2. Enter your unique Personal Code you received in the green envelope or via email. You can also request a personal code on refundselection.com.
3. Select how you'd like to receive your money.

Have questions for BankMobile? Visit their FAQ page, or contact Customer Care at 1-877-327-9515.

The deadline to apply for funds for this cycle of awarding is Monday, August 31, 2020.

If you believe you qualify, please complete the Attestation form by following this link: [US Cares Act Attestation Form](#)

Thank you,

Financial Planning
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