

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) of 2020 requires the university to provide timely reporting of compliance with the distribution of the Higher Education Relief Fund (“HEERF”) to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus.

- The University of Tennessee Health Science Center acknowledges that the institution signed and returned to the U.S. Department of Education the Certification and Agreement and the institution intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
- The total amount of funds that the institution will receive from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students is \$499,039.
- The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of December 31, 2020 is \$598,078. This includes \$499,039 from the student portion and \$99,039 from the institutional portion.
- The University estimates 2,603 students in the 2019-20 and 2,414 students in the 2020-21 academic years are eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
- As of December 31, 2020, 987 students in the 2019-20 and 544 students in the 2020-21 academic years have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act.
- The university awarded the grants to students in four distinct groups – three groups in the Spring semester of the 2019-20 academic year, and one group for the Fall semester of the 2020-21 academic year.
 - First, for the Spring semester in the 2019-20 academic year, the neediest students who are defined as the Federal Pell Grant recipients, were awarded \$250.
 - Second, also for the Spring semester in the 2019-20 academic year, students who were identified by institutional records as students who were unable to complete as expected but had to extend their enrollment due to the disruption, were each awarded \$500.
 - Third, also for the Spring semester in the 2019-20 academic year, a group of students submitted an application defining educational expenses for which grants funds were requested, due to the disruption, were awarded in accordance with the application submitted, in order of application submission date and fund availability.
 - Lastly, for the Fall semester of the 2020-21 academic year and consistent with the third group above, a group of students submitted an application defining educational expenses for which grants funds were requested, due to the disruption, were awarded in accordance with the application submitted, in order of application submission date and fund availability.

- Instructions, directions, and guidance was provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants. The following email was sent to all 2,603 students identified for the 2019-20 academic year on May 1, 2020:

Dear UTHSC Students,

The COVID-19 disruption has created unexpected educational expenses for some students. Federal grant dollars are available to assist students who incurred additional educational expenses due to the disruption. Examples of additional expenses may include:

- technology that you had to purchase to continue classes online,
- additional food or housing expenses for room and board,
- transportation costs if you had to return from an intended learning location in order to continue your studies, and
- additional course materials you required to remain engaged in your studies.

The federal grants are cash grants to students, focused on helping you now. These grants do not require repayment. Federal guidance has defined that the grants are not estimated financial assistance and will not affect other financial aid you've received this year. The federal emergency grant amount may exceed your cost of attendance.

You may submit a one-time application for the federal grant to assist with the educational expenses you incurred. Be prepared to identify the type of expense and the amount. Applications will be reviewed weekly. Depending upon the situation, we might ask you for additional information or documentation.

To apply for the federal student grants, go to [Banner Self-Service](#) > **Financial Aid** > **Surveys** > **Emergency Student Grant Application**. Applications will be reviewed weekly and grant notifications will be sent to UTHSC emails.

Only students who completed a 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and demonstrated eligibility for federal student aid are qualified for the federal student grants. UTHSC is reviewing federal guidance carefully and working quickly to award the grants to qualifying students with eligible expenses.

If you are awarded a federal student grant, it will come to you through your student account (direct deposit). However, if you currently have a balance due on your student account, the emergency grant will not be applied towards those charges. Any student with a balance due will receive their awarded federal student grant by check which will be sent to their current mailing address.

If you have questions, please contact Financial Aid at onestop@uthsc.edu or **901.448.7703**.

Sincerely,

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University of Tennessee Health Science Center

- Instructions, directions, and guidance was provided by the institution to students concerning the emergency financial aid grants. The following email was sent to all potentially eligible students identified for the 2020-21 academic year on October 15, 2020:

Dear UTHSC Students,

The COVID-19 disruption has created unexpected educational expenses for some students this fall 2020 term. Federal grant dollars are available to assist students who incurred **unexpected, additional** educational expenses due to the disruption this term. Examples of additional expenses may include:

- technology that you had to purchase to continue classes online,
- additional childcare costs due to the COVID-19 disruption,
- transportation costs if you had to return from an intended learning location in order to continue your studies during the COVID-19 disruption, and
- unexpected additional course materials you required to remain engaged in your studies.

The federal grants are cash grants to students, focused on helping you now. These grants do not require repayment. Federal guidance has defined that the grants are not estimated financial assistance and will not affect other financial aid you've received this year. The federal emergency grant amount may exceed your cost of attendance.

You may submit a fall 2020 application for the federal emergency grant dollars to assist with the educational expenses you incurred this term. Be prepared to identify the type of expense and the amount of the expense you incurred. Depending upon the situation, we might ask you for additional information or documentation.

To apply for the federal student grants, go to [Banner Self-Service](#) > **Financial Aid** > **Surveys** > **Federal Emergency Grant App**. Applications will be collected through October 28, 2020. All received applications will be reviewed and awards will be based on the information provided and availability of funds. Notifications should be sent to applicants' UTHSC student email in early November.

An additional \$99,039 of CARES Act dollars from the institutional portion has been designated by UTHSC for student grant aid. Fall 2020 grant aid is expected to be less than or equal to \$250 per recipient, based on documentation provided on the application.

Only students who completed a 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and demonstrated eligibility for federal student aid are qualified for the federal emergency grants. Students enrolled in a UTHSC program of study that was fully, 100% online prior to the COVID-19 disruption are not eligible for the grant.

If you are awarded a federal student grant, it will come to you through your student account (direct deposit). However, if you currently have a balance due on your student account, the emergency grant will not be applied towards those charges. Any student with a balance due will receive their awarded federal student grant by check which will be sent to their current mailing address.

If you have questions, please reply to this email so that we may assist you.



- The online application for both academic years was available to students via the Banner Self-Service student portal: <https://banner.uthsc.edu/>



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- [Emergency Student Grant Application](#)
 - Please click on the above to start your application to submit a request for emergency financial aid funds.

By completing and submitting this application, I certify that all information is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that applications are reviewed weekly and I will receive a response to my UTHSC email.

I certify that if awarded the emergency federal grant funds, I will use the dollars only for educational expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 disruption, as reported on my application.

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Survey Name: Emergency Student Grant Application

Question 1: What are the COVID-19 impacted expenses you are requesting assistance for? Explain in the text box if you have other, unexpected cost of attendance expenses due to COVID-19.

- Food and/or Housing
- Technology
- Course Materials
- Healthcare and/or childcare
- Transportation

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Question 2: How much are you requesting in emergency grant funds to cover your COVID-19 disruption educational expenses you incurred?

- \$250
- \$500
- \$1,000
- \$2,000
- Other: please enter the amount below

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