



Clarion University Coronavirus Response Update

Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)

May 13, 2020

Dear Clarion Students,

Clarion University has received funds from the CARES Act - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. Following the U.S. Department of Education's guidance, Clarion University is awarding \$550 grants to all eligible students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19 as of March 13, 2020, the date of the President's Proclamation, "Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak." These funds will be paid to students via direct deposit or check, depending on which payment method you have on file with Student Financial Services. We strongly encourage all students to use direct deposit. Please see FAQ below.

Refunds will be processed beginning as early as May 15, 2020, and will continue until all funds are disbursed as per the two phases below:

PHASE 1:

All eligible students who have filed a 2019-2020 FAFSA and were taking credits in a face-to-face course on campus will receive a \$550 grant.

PHASE 2:

Students who did not initially file a 2019-2020 FAFSA. For those non-filers, they can still complete a FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid> and possibly qualify. New FAFSAs will be reviewed and grants will be processed on a weekly basis. Clarion's school code is 003318. Note however, that the deadline to file a 2019-2020 FAFSA for consideration of the CARES Grant is **June 15, 2020**. We are not allowed to accept any new FAFSA's for the CARES Act beyond this date.

ELIGIBILITY RULES

The U.S. Department of Education has indicated the following guidance and rules on who can receive CARES Act funding. Below are those eligibility requirements for Clarion students.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ARE THE FOLLOWING:

- Only students who are or could be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), may receive emergency financial aid grants.
- Students who filed a 2019-2020 FAFSA
- Students enrolled in either the Spring 2020 semester and/or 7W2 session
- Students who meet Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress for 2019-2020

INELIGIBLE STUDENTS ARE THE FOLLOWING:

- Students enrolled exclusively in an online program on March 13, 2020*
 - Students enrolled exclusively in the Spring 2020 7W1 session
 - Students enrolled exclusively in online courses for the Spring 2020 semester. Face-to-face credits for the 7W1 session are excluded.
 - Students enrolled exclusively in a certificate program
 - Non-degree seeking students
 - Dual enrolled students
 - Students auditing a course
 - International students
 - DACA students
 - ESOL students
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QUESTIONS

Please see below. Additionally, you may visit the [Student Financial Services](#) (Student Accounts & Financial Aid) webpage and review the Announcements section, or send any questions to stfinservice@clarion.edu.

While team members from the Office of Financial Aid are checking voicemails regularly and returning calls as needed, we do encourage utilizing email for inquiries until normal office operations resume. If the matter can't be resolved in email format, we will work with you through another method of communication such as a return call.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate through this process together.

Clarion University

Office of Financial Aid

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WILL MY CARES ACT GRANT BE CREDITED AGAINST AN EXISTING BALANCE?

No.

HOW DO I ENSURE A TIMELY CASH DISBURSEMENT?

Refunds for students with direct deposit will be processed more quickly than those requiring a paper check. Direct deposit is encouraged, as it is the fastest and most secure option for receiving your CARES Grant. Grants are available in your bank account within 2-3 business days after processing, thereby eliminating mail delays and the chance of a lost or stolen check. Instructions for setting up direct deposit are available [here](#). If you elect not to set up direct deposit, any grants issued will be mailed to your permanent address and may take 7-10 business days to arrive once the checks are printed and mailed via the U.S. Postal Service. Please login to your **MyClarion Student Center** and verify and/or update your permanent address to avoid lost or returned checks.

WHICH CLARION PROGRAMS ARE CONSIDERED ONLINE?

*CLARION UNIVERSITY ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAMS		
Academic Program	Academic Plan	Description
GBUSA	MS ACNT	M.S. Accounting
UHHS	AS AH ALH	A.S. Allied Health: Allied Health Concentration
UHHS	BS AH LDR	B.S. Allied Health Leadership
UBUSA	BAS TLDR	B.A.S. Technology Leadership
GARTS	MS MMAJ	M.S. Mass Media Arts and Journalism
GBUSA	MS DA	M.S. Applied Data Analytics
GEDUS	MED EDUCTL	M.Ed. Education: Curriculum, Instruction, and Teacher Leadership Concentration
GEDUS	MED EDUCCEC	M.Ed. Education: Early Childhood Concentration
GEDUS	MED EDUCMA	M.Ed. Education: Mathematics Concentration
GEDUS	MED EDUCRS	M.Ed. Education: Reading Concentration with or without Reading Specialist certification
GEDUS	MED EDUCSE	M.Ed. Education: Science Education Concentration
GEDUS	MED EDUCTC	M.Ed. Education: Technology Concentration
UEDUS	AS ECH	A.S. Early Childhood Education
GEDUS	MS SPED	M.S. Special Education
GBUSA	MSLS LSCI	M.S.L.S. Information and Library Science
GBUSA	MSLS LS LS	M.S.L.S. School Library Media
GBUSA	MBA BSAD	M.B.A. Business Administration
GBUSA	MBA BSAD	M.B.A. Finance Concentration
GBUSA	MBA BSAD	M.B.A. Health Care Concentration
UHHS	BSN NURS	B.S.N. in Nursing (RN to BSN)
DHHS	DNP NURS	Doctor of Nursing Practice
GHHS	MSN NURSFN	M.S.N. Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner
GHHS	MS CMHC	M.S. Clinical Mental Health Counseling