Dear Students,

We are pleased to inform you that Harding has been awarded an emergency financial aid grant from the U.S. Government to provide funding to qualifying students for eligible expenses due to the disruption of the semester by the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant is funded by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and we have created a short application that allows you to submit your request for funds. **Please note you must have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2019-20 and must be eligible to receive federal aid in order to apply for the grant.**

The short application allows you to request a grant payment to cover additional expenses incurred due to COVID for cost of attendance related expenses including food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care between the dates of March 15 and May 14. You do not have to provide receipts but may need to provide additional supporting information upon request. **The deadline to apply for funds is midnight, May 14. All applications will be processed following the deadline. If approved, funds will be disbursed no later than May 22.** Individual grants will be distributed to eligible students from the funds available based on the volume and dollar amount of requests. All communications will be sent to your Harding email address.

If you are eligible and have incurred additional expenses due to COVID, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible. If you have questions or need assistance, contact the Office of Financial Aid finaid@harding.edu or 501-279-4257.

**Click here to apply for a CARES Grant**
Or visit Pipeline > Student Tab > CARES Grant Application.

Instructions from Google Form:

1) This application is open for 2 weeks, from April 30 to May 14, 2020. Deadline to apply for a student CARES Grant through Harding is midnight, May 14, 2020.

2) This application is only for students who have completed their FAFSA for 2019-20 and resolved all errors. If you have not completed your FAFSA, you can do so at: https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa. If you have not completed a FAFSA, your application will be automatically rejected.

3) You must have been enrolled in at least 12 hours of on-ground classes (9 hours for graduate students) during the spring of 2020 or your application will be rejected.
4) Awards are not automatic and may be reduced or denied based on the above qualifications and availability of funds. All CARES Grant related communications will be through your Harding email.

5) In order to safely receive your money, you must be signed up for direct deposit from Harding University. If you have not signed up for direct deposit, please configure here before completing this application: https://ssb.pipeline.harding.edu/embed/bwpkhpay.P_ModifyDirectDeposit

Reminder Email:

From: Harding University <harding@harding.edu>
Date: Mon, May 11, 2020 at 2:05 PM
Subject: REMINDER: Application for Harding student CARES Act grants open through May 14
To: Harding University <harding@harding.edu>

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