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CARES Act Fund for Students

Dear Students:

As we near the end of this unprecedented semester, I'm writing to let you know about a new federal financial relief package. The University of Northern Iowa expects to receive \$3.8 million through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to directly assist our students with expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, child care, healthcare and other related costs incurred after our campus shifted to remote coursework due to COVID-19.

We encourage you to complete the CARES Act Fund [application](#) by the May 8 priority date. The application takes only about 2 minutes to complete. Both undergraduate and graduate students who were enrolled during the Spring 2020 semester and have completed a 2019-20 FAFSA will be eligible for CARES Act Funds. We intend to prioritize students with the greatest needs while also distributing funds to as many students as possible.

Students who do not meet eligibility criteria may still complete a "Student Emergency Fund" appeal with the Dean of Students' office. Our offices will work jointly to explore any potential funding possibilities for students.

Please note that the U.S. Department of Education has not yet released these funds but we are asking students to apply now so we can distribute financial assistance as quickly as possible once it arrives. Funds will be sent via direct deposit through your U-bill. UNI will not apply any of these funds to existing U-bill charges. The money will go directly into your bank account.

Students are at the heart of everything we do at UNI. We miss having you on campus and appreciate all you're doing to get through this difficult time.

For further information, please visit our [CARES application](#) and FAQ page or our [homepage](#). You can also email us directly at fin-aid@uni.edu.

Panther Proud,

Tim Bakula, Director

Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships