In response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Government has enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act which provides institutions of higher education with funding to provide emergency assistance to students experiencing expenses related to the disruption of campus operations from the coronavirus, including eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care.

The CARES Act instructs schools to distribute the money to current, on-ground students.

As a student who is currently attending an eligible Title IV program, you may be eligible for this one time grant if you have been affected by the disruption of campus operations from the coronavirus.

What Does This Funding Cover?

The following is a list of expenses that can be considered for emergency grant assistance if they were related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus.

Food

Housing

Course materials

Technology

Health care

Child care

Eligibility

Consistent with U.S. Department of Education requirements, students who meet all criteria below are eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant:

-Working towards a degree or certificate at Midwest Institute.

-Are actively enrolled beginning March 13, 2020, even if that course moved to an online format due to the pandemic, and those who will have started prior to June 30, 2020.

-Have a valid 2019-20 FAFSA on file with Midwest Institute's Financial Aid Office or are eligible for Federal (Title IV) Financial Aid, the student must provide attestation. Title IV eligibility requires that student is meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).

-Students must complete an online application and attestation form and acknowledge they have incurred qualifying expenses related to the disruption of Midwest Institute's operations due to the coronavirus pandemic.

-The student must demonstrate need for costs incurred as a result of disruption of school operations due to COVID-19, including but not limited to food, housing, health care, course materials, technology, or child care

Per the U.S. Department of Education, international students, DACA students, and students enrolled exclusively in online courses are not eligible to receive CARES Act funding.

How To Apply

To apply for additional CARES Grant Funds, please complete the application: <u>Midwest</u> Institute Cares Act Funds Application and Attestation

Before you submit the application, please review the eligibility requirements, as not all students are eligible to receive funding. Limited funding is available and emergency financial aid grants will be provided to eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis.

An Email was sent to all currently attending students on 6/25/20 including the information above.

The application must be received by July 2, 2020 to be processed for approval and part of these grant monies.

You will receive an email regarding your approval status.