

Hello Student,

As an eligible recipient of the Federal CARES Act grant, we are distributing our remaining funds to students this week. You will receive an additional \$85 grant.

You have been identified as a student of Missouri Southern State University eligible for an emergency student grant due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. This grant will not need to be repaid. This email explains this funding opportunity.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress and signed into law to provide economic relief from COVID-19. One component of the Federal CARES Act establishes the Higher Education Emergency Relief (“HEERF”) fund, which provides funds to institutions of higher education, like MSSU, for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic. Notably, a portion of these funds are intended to be distributed directly to eligible students.

MSSU applied and was approved for \$4,756,273. Fifty percent of these funds are for emergency grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the pandemic, including expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare.

For more information about MSSU’s plan for this grant, click here. <https://emergency.mssu.edu/modifications-to-student-support-areas/>

Students eligible for grants under the Federal CARES Act are those who:

- (1) were not enrolled in an exclusively online program prior to March 13, 2020,
- (2) experienced a disruption in campus operations due to COVID-19 pandemic, and
- (3) are eligible for federal student aid and comply with specific federal requirements.

This grant will be paid to you by the MSSU Bursar via electronic refund or a paper check by mail. We are working on distribution of your funds this week.

Please make sure you have a valid bank account setup for electronic refund at

www.mssu.edu/paymybill

Or

Ensure your mailing address is correct with the MSSU Registrar. If you need to update your address, click here. <https://webapps.mssu.edu/FormWizard/FormViewer.aspx?Id=131>

By accepting the Federal CARES Act grant, you confirm you are eligible to receive these funds as outlined above, and have incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you have any questions about your eligibility or do not wish to receive Federal CARES Act grant funds, please contact the MSSU Financial Aid office immediately.

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Finally, you are encouraged to talk with a personal tax professional relating to any questions you may have about the tax treatment of the funds.

Please visit our COVID-19 website under Financial Aid for more detailed information.
<https://emergency.mssu.edu/modifications-to-student-support-areas/>