#### **Attachment B**

Instructions, directions, and guidance related to the availability of CARES Act Grant funds provided to students by West Coast University is shown below.



Dear West Coast University Student,

The West Coast University (WCU) CARES Act Student Grant application is now available to students on our <u>secure student portal</u>. We invite eligible students to apply now. Once logged into the portal, click on "My Financial Aid > FA Docs > FA – COVID App.

President Donald Trump signed the CARES Act on March 27, 2020, which contains a number of provisions designed to help students that have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. WCU has now received the first disbursement CARES Act funds, and will immediately begin reviewing applications and offering funds to be paid directly to students.

We understand the enormous hardship this pandemic has placed on millions of people around the globe, and are grateful to be able to provide some measure of relief to our students through this process. Few times in history have there been such a need for well-prepared healthcare workers. We remain committed to partnering with you on this transformational journey.

Stay healthy and safe.

# Cares Act Student Grant Application



Name:		Student ID:
Campus:	Academic Program:	Current Enrollment Status:
exclusive purpose of providing emergency March 13, 2020, for their expenses related materials, technology, health care, and ch	financial aid grants to students who were no to the disruption of campus operations due	provides federal grant funds for the sole and of enrolled exclusively in an online program on to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course of as a West Coast University student, please ander the CARES Act.
Have you incurred expenses due to disrupt	cions of campus operations caused by the cor	onavirus pandemic? Yes No
If yes, indicate how you have been negative	ely financially impacted by checking expenses	incurred below:
O Increase in housing expenses	O Increase in technology expenses	O Increase in transportation expenses
O Increase in childcare expenses	O Increase in healthcare expenses	
O Increase in food expenses	O Increase in course materials	
Grant amount that you are requesting fo	r the expenses noted above: \$ nly request the amount needed for the exp	Note: Grant funds are limited

Grant offers to students for approved applications will be made on the basis of the individual student's enrollment status and Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as calculated from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) until the initial grant allocation has been exhausted. If you have not already submitted a FAFSA, you may do so now at https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa. We will resume our review of student applications and subsequent disbursement of approved grant offers after WCU receives the second disbursement of our allocation from the U.S. Department of Education. The Department of Education has not yet provided an expected disbursement date for our second half of the allocation, but WCU is committed to awarding the funds as soon as we receive them.

By design of this law, the offer of grant funds to students is at the sole discretion of the WCU Financial Aid Student Emergency Grant Committee. Applicants will be notified via email as applications are reviewed. Our selection process gives priority to the students with the highest need but also limits offer amounts to ensure that funds are widely available to as many students as possible. However, not all who apply may receive a grant offer. Once awarded, grant funds will be disbursed according to the refund method you selected on the BankMobile platform. We recommend all students select the direct deposit refund option to ensure fastest delivery of funds. You may change your BankMobile refund method preference at any time at: www.refundselection.com.

# **Cares Act Student Grant Application (Cont.)**

# **Attestation and Certification**

I represent and acknowledge that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and has been provided in conjunction with my application for funding under the CARES Act as described. I understand that the allocation of funds to students will be determined by West Coast University, my enrollment status, the availability of funds, and each individual student's level of need. Approved grant amounts will be disbursed according to the refund method that I selected on the BankMobile platform (www.refundselection.com). I also attest that any grant funds received in response to this application will be used to assist solely with the expenses noted above as related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus.

pplicant Signature:			Date:	
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Aid Year:	EFC:	Amount Awarded:	Date Awarded:	

# **Application Received Email:**

West Coast University has received your application for grant funds under Section 18004 of the federal CARES Act - Emergency Relief to Institutions and Students. We will make every effort to review your application within 48 business hours. You will be notified via email after our review is complete.

Please take a few minutes to select a refund method preference at <a href="www.refundselection.com">www.refundselection.com</a> to ensure the fastest delivery possible for any approved grant amount. We also recommend that you confirm that your contact information(address and phone number) on the WCU student portal at <a href="https://westcoastuniversity.srm-app.net/">https://westcoastuniversity.srm-app.net/</a>

# **Grant Approved Email to Student**

Grant Approved Email to Student		
Dear <student name="">:</student>	Student ID #: <	>
the federal CARES Act - Emergency	Relief to Institutions and to offset you	or grant funds under Section 18004 of Students. Your application has been rexpenses related to the
By accepting these funds I understan expense(s) identified on my applications and Students.		•

NOTE 1: The grant will be posted to your student account ledger and then immediately disbursed to you according to the refund method you previously selected on the BankMobile platform. Please visit <a href="https://www.refundselection.com">www.refundselection.com</a> to update your refund delivery method. PLEASE NOTE: students that do not select direct deposit as their refund selection method will have a check mailed to them approximately 7 -10 days after approval of their CARES Act grant. It is highly recommended that students update their refund selection method to direct deposit in order to receive these funds as quickly as possible.

NOTE 2: We also recommend that you confirm that your contact information (address and phone number) on file with American Career College is accurate on our student portal at <a href="https://westcoastuniversity.srm-app.net/">https://westcoastuniversity.srm-app.net/</a>

### **Grant Denied Email to Student**

Dear <Student Name>:

West Coast University has reviewed your recent application for grant funds under Section 18004 of the federal CARES Act Emergency Relief to Institutions and Students. Unfortunately, you do not qualify for a grant under this federal program.

Please reach out to your campus financial aid office to discuss other options for assistance that may be available.

Instructions, directions, and guidance related to the availability of HEERF II Grant funds under CRRSAA Section 314(a)(4) and provided to students by West Coast University are shown below.



<Date>

Dear <Student Name>.

Dear West Coast University Student,

As a follow up to the CARES Act funding, West Coast University (WCU) applied for the second round of financial assistance for our students through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) which is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260, and signed into law by President Donald Trump on Dec. 27, 2020.

We received the good news this week that our grant request was approved. These student financial aid grants may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or childcare.

Students can submit their West Coast University (WCU) HEERF Student Grant application now through our secure student portal. Please note there are new stipulations for eligibility with this HEERF funding, requiring that we prioritize grants for students with exceptional need. As a result of this new prioritization requirement, not all students who apply for funds will receive a grant offer.

Exceptional need will be determined on the basis of the individual student's enrollment status and Effective Family Contribution (EFC). This is calculated by using the student's most recently processed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you have not already submitted a FAFSA, you may do so now at <a href="https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa">https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa</a>.

Our goal is to ensure that grants are available to as many students as possible until the funding has been exhausted. Just as with the CARES program, all decisions about grant funding will be made by the WCU Financial Aid Student Emergency Grant Committee."

Applicants will be notified via email as applications are reviewed. Once awarded, grant funds will be disbursed to eligible students according to the refund method selected by them on the BankMobile platform. We recommend all students select the direct deposit refund option to ensure rapid delivery of funds. You may change your BankMobile refund method preference at any time at <a href="https://www.refundselection.com">www.refundselection.com</a>.

We are grateful to be able to provide some measure of relief to our students during these challenging times and hope this grant will help support your continued commitment and persistence in your studies. We are proud to be your partner as you pursue a career in healthcare, and ultimately enter one of the most valued and respected professions in our world.

Stay healthy and safe.



# The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) Grant Application

Name:	Student ID:
Campus:	Current Enrollment

#### What is HEERF?

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II), authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 provides federal grant funds for the sole and exclusive purpose of providing emergency financial aid grants to students with exceptional need. The HEERF grants may be used for any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child-care.

#### New Requirements for HEERF Grant Distribution

There are new stipulations for eligibility with this HEERF funding, requiring that grants be prioritized for students with exceptional need. Exceptional need will be determined on the basis of the individual student's enrollment status and Effective Family Contribution (EFC). This is calculated using a student's most recently processed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you have not already submitted a FAFSA, you may do so now at <a href="https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa">https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa</a>.

#### **Selection Process**

By design of this law, the offer of grant funds to students is at the sole discretion of the WCU Financial Aid Student Emergency Grant Committee. Applicants will be notified via email as applications are reviewed. Our selection process gives priority to the students with exceptional need but also limits offer amounts to ensure that funds are widely available to as many students as possible. Not all who apply may receive a grant offer. Once awarded, grant funds will be disbursed according to the refund method you selected on the BankMobile platform. We recommend all students select the direct deposit refund option to ensure fastest delivery of funds. You may change your BankMobile refund method preference at any time at: www.refundselection.com.

If you believe you qualify for a grant as a West Coast University student, please complete this application and attesting to your eligibility for funds under the CRRSAA.

•	Do you have expenses related to a component of your cost of	attendance a	t West Coast
	University or for emergency costs that arise due to coronaviru	s, such as tuit	ion, food,
	housing, health care (including mental health care) or child-car	re Yes	No



#### **Attestation and Certification**

I represent and acknowledge that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and has been provided in conjunction with my application for funding under the CRRSAA as described. I understand that the allocation of funds to students will be determined by West Coast University, my enrollment status, the availability of funds, and each individual student's level of need.

Approved grant amounts will be disbursed according to the refund method that I selected on the BankMobile platform (www.refundselection.com).

Appli	cant Signature:	_Date:
	SCHOOL USE ONLY	
	Ald Year:	Date Awarded:

#### **Application Received Email**

Dear <Student Name>:

West Coast University has received your application for grant funds under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA). We will make every effort to review your application within 72 business hours. You will be notified via email after our review is complete.

Please take a few minutes to select a refund method preference at <a href="www.refundselection.com">www.refundselection.com</a> to ensure the fastest delivery possible for any approved grant amount. We also recommend that you confirm that your contact information (address and phone number) on the WCU student portal at <a href="https://westcoastuniversity.srm-app.net/">https://westcoastuniversity.srm-app.net/</a>

# **Grant Approved Email to Student**

#### Dear <Student Name>:

West Coast University has reviewed your recent application for grant funds under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA). Your application has been approved for a disbursement amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ to offset your expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. The grant will be posted to your student account ledger and then immediately disbursed to you according to the refund method you previously selected on the BankMobile platform.

Please reach out to your campus Financial Aid Office with any questions you may have.

# **Grant Denied Email to Student**

#### Dear <Student Name>:

West Coast University has reviewed your recent application for grant funds under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) is authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA). Unfortunately, you do not qualify for a grant under this federal program due to your inactive enrollment status, or on the basis of the Effective Family Contribution (EFC) calculated on your most recently processed FAFSA.

Please reach out to your campus financial aid office with any questions you may have.