

Dear Students,

Erikson values our students and we are invested in your success. We recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has created some very challenging circumstances for you. You are receiving this email because you are eligible to apply for a grant through Erikson's COVID-19 Emergency Fund Support Program. This program is funded by the CARES Act, and the federal government has limited eligibility to students who were enrolled in **on-campus programs** on March 13, 2020. These grants are available for specific financial expenses resulting from campus disruption associated with COVID-19 and do not need to be repaid.

WHO is eligible for assistance under the program?

Erikson students enrolled in on-campus courses as of March 13, 2020 who are also eligible for Title IV financial aid (Federal Loan program excluding institutional scholarships). A completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid ("FAFSA") demonstrates a student's eligibility for Title IV funds.

WHAT types of needs will be considered for a grant?

Expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child-care expenses are eligible.

HOW do I apply?

Please click [HERE](#) to complete the online application. You will be asked to provide information to assist Erikson in confirming eligibility and assessing need including a description of the need, the reason you are requesting financial support and supporting documentation. All requests must be accompanied by documentation that demonstrates impact related to the disruption of campus operations such as childcare expenses, medical expenses, course materials and technology expenses such as internet, hardware, and software. Examples of acceptable supporting documentation could include, but not limited to a bill, invoice, receipt for products or services, or letter from a child care provider. Erikson reserves the right to request additional information or documentation if further clarification is needed.

The program has limited funding available. If you did not experience financial hardship directly related to COVID-19, please do refrain from applying for relief so it can be direct to students with the most urgent needs.

WHEN will I be informed and if awarded, receive my grant?

Erikson Institute will review all applications and notify applicants of results. Grant are available up to \$300; however, requests for more will be considered only for cases of extraordinary need and may require additional documentation. Please note that we anticipate many applications, and we are committed to get the grants out as quickly as possible. Thank you in advance for your patience as we work our way through the applications.

If you are awarded funding, it will come to you in the form of a grant that will be processed through your student account and will be directly disbursed to you so that you can use it based upon your need. If you currently have a balance due on your student account, the emergency grant will not be applied towards these charges.

WHERE can I go for help if I have questions or want more information?

If you have questions about this program, please contact the Financial Aid Office at finaid@erikson.edu

We are so inspired by the resilience of our student body and are pleased to offer this support. Please be safe and we hope you and your family stays well.

Sincerely,
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ADDENDUM

Eligibility: Per guidance from the Department of Education regarding the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (“HEERF”)

“Only students who are or could be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), may receive emergency financial aid grants. If a student has filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), then the student has demonstrated eligibility to participate in programs under Section 484 the HEA. Students who have not filed a FAFSA but who are eligible to file a FAFSA also may receive emergency financial aid grants. The criteria to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA include but are not limited to the following: U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen; a valid Social Security number; registration with Selective Service (if the student is male); and a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting.”

“At institutions that provide both online and ground-based education, those students who were enrolled exclusively in an online program on March 13, 2020, the date of the President’s Proclamation, “Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak,” *Federal Register* Vol. 85, No. 53 at 15337-38, are not eligible for emergency financial aid grants.”