

How can I access the CARES Act Application?

In order to access the CARES Act application, you must be signed in to the student portal. The application is located at the top of the “Student” tab.

Do I need to complete an application to be considered for CARES Act funds?

Yes, you are required to complete the Quincy University COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant Application on the student portal and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), if you have not already done so for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Where can I access the CARES Act application?

Current students can access the Quincy University COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant Application by logging in to the student portal and completing the application on the ‘Student’ tab.

Why do I need to complete the FAFSA to be considered for CARES Act Funds?

Per the Department of Education’s guidance, only students who are eligible to participate in federal financial aid programs may receive CARES Act funds. Therefore, if you already filed a FAFSA and are receiving federal financial aid, then you are eligible to apply for CARES Act funds. If you have not filed a FAFSA, please apply at studentaid.gov/FAFSA in order to be considered.

Even if your family chose to not file a FAFSA because of your income, you should file a FAFSA now to be considered for the CARES Act Grant.

Who is eligible to receive CARES Act funds?

Per the Department of Education’s guidance, students are eligible for CARES Act funds if they meet the eligibility requirements to be considered for federal financial aid:

- Enrollment in a degree-seeking undergraduate program
- Eligible as determined by the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA)
 - U.S. citizenship or *eligible noncitizen
 - A valid Social Security number
 - Registration with Selective Service (if the student is male)
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress in their course of study, and
- Do not owe a refund on grants previously received or in default on any federal student loans.

Additionally, students must have been enrolled in at least one face-to-face or hybrid class. If you already filed a FAFSA and received Title IV aid, you may be eligible for CARES Act funds. If you have not filed a FAFSA, please apply at studentaid.gov/FAFSA in order to be considered.

Is there a deadline to apply for CARES Act funds?

Applications will be accepted until 5PM Friday, May 15 and will be considered on a funds available basis.

What expenses can I receive grant funds towards?

You can request grant funds to help towards expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. This includes, but is not limited to, eligible expenses, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care. See below for more information.

Food Expenses may include unexpected grocery expenses for a resident student who was depending on their meal plan to eat for the semester, or increased grocery expenses for a student supporting dependent children now home due to their school or child care closure.

Course Materials may include but not limited to general use supplies such as writing utensils and notebooks; course specific supplies such as calculators, lab equipment, rental of musical equipment, paint brushes, and canvases unexpectedly required to be purchased due to campus disruption of regular operations.

Technology Expenses may include computer equipment, internet access expenses, printer supplies, etc. required for student success when transitioning to an online format from the traditional in-person class structure. Documentation for technology expenses must be uploaded in the application to be considered. Examples would be an estimate, receipt, or bill.

Healthcare Expenses may include the cost of unanticipated or unusual medical expenses due to coronavirus or its effects.

Child Care/Dependent Care Expenses may include the cost of unanticipated or unusual care expenses for a student's child or other dependents in the independent (based on FAFSA) student's household.

Transportation Expenses may include the cost of unanticipated or unusual travel expenses related to the disruption of campus operations. This may include additional trips to the University to retrieve personal belongings or difficulty in making car payments due to income loss from this economic disruption.

Housing Expenses may include unanticipated expenses in securing housing and/or rent for residential students after the closure of campus housing in March. This may also include difficulty in making rent or mortgage payments due to income loss from this economic disruption.

Do I need to submit receipts?

Receipts or bills are only required for technology-related expenses and “other” expenses identified by the student in the online application. The Committee has the right to request receipts on a case-by-case basis for other expense categories if they so choose.

Who reviews the CARES Act application?

The Hawks Help Committee has been established and will consider applications on an ongoing basis until all funds are spent with students demonstrating the highest financial need being given first priority.

How much emergency grant aid will I receive?

The Hawks Help Committee will determine the amount based on the results of your online application. It is important that you provide a detailed account of how you have been affected financially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Missing or incomplete explanations may affect your ability to receive grant funds. Receipts are required for any expenses related to technology and “other” expenses as identified by the student.

Are there minimum or maximum amounts a student can receive?

The Hawks Help Committee will review each application to determine the amount of assistance. For the first round of funding, the maximum grant available is \$400 per student. Students may receive an amount up to the maximum.

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No, these funds are considered to be grant awards and do not need to be repaid to the University.

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No, students who receive CARES Act funds are not required to record or track how it is spent.

How will I be notified of the Committee’s decision?

The Committee will notify applicants of their decision via the student’s Quincy University email account. This email will include the amount of funds awarded as well as details when funds will be dispersed.

Will receiving CARES Act funds affect my NCAA eligibility?

CARES Act funds do not adversely affect NCAA eligibility or athletic scholarships. Student athletes and non-athletes are encouraged to apply if they have a qualifying situation.

Who should I contact with questions?

Students who require assistance in completing the application, or have other questions, may contact the following offices weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- **Application Questions:** Hawks Helps Committee at hawkshelp@quincy.edu
- **Financial Aid General Questions:** financialaid@quincy.edu or [217-228-5260](tel:217-228-5260)
- **Student Accounts and General Payment Questions:** Kristi Shelton at sheltkr@quincy.edu or 217-228-5432 Ext. 3724