



CARSON-NEWMAN
A CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Dear First Name,

Student ID

I hope this email finds you and your family healthy and well.

I am pleased to inform you that you have qualified to receive an Emergency Aid grant of \$748.10 made possible by the federal [Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act](#) (CARES Act) and based on qualifying guidelines set forth by the Department of Education.

As you are probably aware, on April 9, 2020, the Department of Education (ED) issued a letter to all University Presidents announcing plans to distribute funds to higher education institutions as part of the CARES Act. A portion of these funds are earmarked to issue emergency grants directly to students to offset financial burdens brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. ED guidelines for distributing these emergency grants are clear in asking each institution to place priority on students with need. Using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as a means to determine qualifying students, you qualify to receive this \$748.10 emergency grant aid.

The CARES Act and Department of Education (ED) are very clear about how these Emergency Aid funds are to be used by students. Guidelines instruct that the funds are to cover COVID-19-related disruptions and used for essential expenses like food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and childcare. We strongly encourage you to use these funds responsibly and follow the ED guidelines.

Carson-Newman recently received our portion of the CARES Act funds and are now able to distribute these funds to qualifying students like you via check. The Student Accounts Office will be processing checks each business day until all checks have been issued to eligible students and will send you an email from their office when your check is available. **Please allow some time for processing your check.** If you are still enrolled at Carson-Newman, you will be able to pick up your check at the Student Accounts office with a valid ID **after** you have received the email from Student Accounts that your check is available. All other students will need to follow instructions from Student Accounts to have your check mailed.

We hope these funds are helpful as you continue to manage unforeseen economic hardships related to the COVID-19 pandemic. We empathize with the individual challenges and setbacks being lived out across our entire student body. We ask for your patience as our Student Accounts Team now works to issue all eligible students their emergency grant checks.

Have a blessed day,

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