

Dear {Student},

{C-N 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 **\$928.00** based on qualifying guidelines set forth by the Department of Education. This was made possible by the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

ARP funds are in addition to funds authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA), Public Law 116-260 and the Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136. Emergency funds available to institutions and their students under all emergency funds.

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 *exceptional need*. Using degree and certificate seeking enrollment status information, you are eligible for **\$928.00** with first priority consideration going to students who have high need based on their FAFSA information.

The Department of Education (ED) is very clear about how these new Emergency Aid funds can be used by students. Funds can be used to cover any component of the student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, school fees, food, housing, health care (including mental health care), or childcare. There is very limited funding remaining. If you have additional costs or an unpaid balance that you are struggling to pay, you may apply for additional emergency grant funds. To request an application for the limited additional funds, please email wecare@cn.edu. We strongly encourage you to use these funds responsibly and follow the ED guidelines.

Carson-Newman is 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 or live locally, you will be able to pick up your check at the Student Accounts office with a valid ID <u>after</u> you have received the email from Student Accounts that your check is available. All other students who need the check mailed will need to follow instructions from Student Accounts.

We hope these funds are helpful as you continue to manage unforeseen economic hardships, and we wish you a wonderful summer.

Many Blessings,

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