

CARES ACT

Student Eligibility FAQs

Q What is the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund?

A The CARES Act, which establishes and funds the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), directs institutions of higher education such as Alabama State University (ASU) to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

Q How much money has ASU received for student grants under the CARES Act?

A ASU received \$3,142,232 to award to eligible enrolled students to offset expenses incurred by the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus. All of the \$3,142,232 will be distributed equally to those eligible students.

Q Who is eligible to receive a CARES emergency financial aid grant?

A According to the Frequently Asked Questions about the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under Section 18004 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act developed by the United States Department of Education, a student who has demonstrated eligibility to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), by filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for academic year 2019-2020 is eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant from ASU. Students who did not file a FAFSA are also eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant from ASU if you are U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen; have a valid Social Security number; registered with Selective Service (if the student is male); and have obtained a high school diploma, GED, or completed a high school in an approved homeschool setting.

Q Who cannot receive an emergency financial aid grant?

A Students who did not incur expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, specifically any student who was enrolled in an online-only program prior to the campus closure due to COVID-19 or a student who was incarcerated during the campus closure, are not eligible to receive an emergency financial aid grant.

Q What do I need to do to receive my money?

A For those ASU students who already receive their refunds through BankMobile either on their Vibe Card or directly into their personal bank accounts, you do not have to do anything. Your grant will be deposited in the same manner as your previous refunds (either onto your BankMobile Vibe account or into your personal bank account.)

If you lost your BankMobile Vibe card or you have never registered with BankMobile, you will need to do the following:

- Visit refundselection.com.
- When you are asked for a code, click on the "Need A Code?" link.
- Follow the steps to receive your code and then enter it as directed.
- Then, follow the directions to select whether you would like your funds to be placed on a BankMobile Vibe account or directly to your personal bank account. Once you have completed the registration process, then the University will be able to deposit your CARES grant funds.

Q Do I have to repay the grant?

A No. The grant money does not have to be repaid.

Q Do I have to use the grant money towards my student account balance?

A No. The grant money does not have to be used to pay any student account balance at ASU.

Q Whom do I contact if I have questions about my money or eligibility?

A ASU has created an email account dedicated to questions and concerns regarding the emergency financial aid grants. Please send your questions to caresgrants@alasu.edu.

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