

May 9, 2020

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Enclosed is a check for emergency grant funds based on confirmation of eligibility to receive an HEERF grant under the guidelines established. Amounts of grants were determined based on WNCC's allocation under the CARES Act, the student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as calculated by the 2019-2020 FAFSA, and level of enrollment for the Spring 2020 semester. Emergency grant funds are intended to assist students in covering expenses incurred due to the pandemic such as food, housing, course materials, health care, child care, technology, and transportation. As directed by the Department of Education, WNCC may not use student emergency grant funds to pay any unpaid balances so no amounts due to the college have been deducted from this aid.

Questions about these funds may be directed to either the WNCC Financial Aid Office at financialaid@wncc.edu or to the WNCC Business Office at e-accounts@wncc.edu.

As the spring 2020 academic term comes to an end, WNCC wishes to all the best of health and successful pursuit of academic goals.

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March 26, 2021

Dear WNCC Student:

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law March 27, 2020, established a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) providing emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Additional Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II (HEERF II) student grants were created under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) signed into law December 27, 2020. Under CRRSAA, any unused CARES Act funds not spent before December 27, 2020 may be awarded in accordance with additional flexibilities allowed for HEERF II student grant awards. The additional flexibilities allow awards to students who attend exclusively online and students are not required to be eligible to participate in Title IV federal student aid programs under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965. To receive HEERF II student grants, and therefore unused CARES Act funds, students must be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen. For HEERF II grants, institutions are to prioritize grants to students with exceptional financial need. Western Nebraska Community College utilizes the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to confirm citizenship and to measure level of financial need.

Enclosed is a check for **CARES Act** emergency grant funds based on confirmation of eligibility to receive a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund grant under the guidelines established under the CARES Act and CRRSAA. **You are receiving these funds as a student who was previously considered ineligible for a CARES Act student grant but who now qualifies under the expanded flexibilities provided by CRRSAA legislation.** Emergency grant funds are intended to assist in covering any component of student's cost of attendance or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental), or childcare.

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