

**CARES ACT Information for UA Cossatot
Students**



What is the UA Cossatot CARES Grant

The UA Cossatot CARES Grant is a federal grant that was established to help students that were financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. [Please click here to learn more.](#)

Who is eligible for a UA Cossatot CARES Grant?

Students who meet basic eligibility criteria for federal financial aid can be considered for these funds.

Unfortunately, the CARES Act does not allow these funds to be used for students who were enrolled in completely online courses during the Spring 2020 semester, international students, or DACA students.

Students who are eligible: Students who have a valid 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file with the university and who attended in-person classes prior to March 13 are eligible for funding.

Students who are not eligible: Students whose classes were online for the entire semester, international students, concurrent enrollment students, and students not in a degree-seeking program are not eligible for funding. If you need assistance with your 2019-2020 FAFSA

How do I apply for the UA Cossatot CARES Grant?

Information about applying for these funds will be emailed to eligible students college email account when funding becomes available.

What constitutes eligible expenses to qualify for emergency funding?

This could apply to a variety of financial costs directly tied to the effects of COVID-19 which may include money spent for unanticipated travel, replacement of medications, emergency child care due to extended school closures, additional technology requirements, etc.

What kinds of expenses are allowable?

Funds can be used for food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, tuition, fees, or child care.

Do I have to repay a UA Cossatot CARES Grant?

No. The Federal Emergency Aid Grant funds are designed to be a grant, not a loan.

Where are the funds coming from? Is there some sort of disaster relief fund?

UA Cossatot has been awarded and is awaiting receipt of funds from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, which provides emergency grants for eligible college students impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.

How will UA Cossatot disburse the money?

Once a qualified student completes the application and grant funds are made available by the Federal Government, the grant funds will be mailed to the student. The address that is provided on the grant application is the address that will be used. PLEASE be certain that you enter the correct address when filling out the UA Cossatot CARES Grant application.

Would this funding reduce my financial aid?

No, this money does not reduce nor replace financial aid. It is a one-time grant.

How much money is available for each applicant?

The exact per-student amount will be based on the total number of applicants. We expect the grant award to be between \$450 and \$500 per student.

What documentation is required to be submitted with the application?

The documentation requirements are listed on the UA Cossatot CARES Grant Enrollment form.

How can students obtain more information about the UA Cossatot CARES Grant?

Continue to check www.cccua.edu/cares for the most up-do-date information.

What additional resources are available if I need access to food?

UA Cossatot students can contact the Center for Student Success to access our local food pantries.

Do I need to report financial aid or grants on my federal tax return?

Each financial award you receive from the federal government and other sources will have separate and unique tax consequences for your federal tax return. Visit the <https://www.irs.gov/IRS> website for assistance.