CSUN Cares for Students Grant  Summary

The CSUN Cares for Students Grant is made possible through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which provides financial support to eligible students who have expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19.

• Program announced to campus community and directly to eligible students: May 1, 2020
• Priority application deadline: May 15, 2020
• Grant application: Online application process housed in myNorthridge portal under Financial Matters in the CSUN Cares Grant Application pagelet. Eligible students can accept the approved grant amount or provide justification to request a higher amount.
• Eligibility criteria:
  To be eligible, a student must: be currently enrolled at CSUN in an undergraduate, graduate or professional program; be eligible to receive federal financial aid; and not be enrolled in a completely online degree program.
• Eligible expenses:
  Typical expenses include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and childcare costs.
• Grant amounts: Typical grant awards will range from $308 to $968 based on family income as reflected by the applicant’s official Expected Family Contribution (EFC) to the student’s cost of attendance. Students with the lowest (i.e., “0”) EFC will receive the highest grant award. Students attending less than full-time will receive half the designated amount.
• Disbursements will be deposited in student e-Refund (direct deposit) accounts or mailed to student home address.
• Goal is to disburse funds within seven working days of completed application receipt.