

Lincoln University CARES Act Student Funds Request

Student Eligibility Requirements: Through the CARES Act (18004(a)(1)), Lincoln University received student-aid funding for distribution to address student cost-of-attendance (COA) needs because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, to be eligible for consideration, students **are required:**

- To be legally eligible to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.
- To have a valid Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file with the U.S. Department of Education.
- To be making Satisfactory Academic Progress (FA SAP).
- To be a current eligible undergraduate or graduate student who was actively enrolled in the Spring 2020 semester as of March 13, 2020, and/or currently enrolled for the Summer 2020 session or the Fall 2020 semester.
- To not be a foreign/international student or DACA student.
- To have a valid Social Security number.
- To have a high school diploma, GED, or completed homeschooling.
- To not owe an overpayment (refund) on Title IV grants.
- To not be in default on a Title IV loan.
- To have registered with Selective Service if required.
- To have not been convicted for the possession or sale of illegal drugs in the United States.
- To have met all other Title IV eligibility requirements.

What expenses are eligible to be covered?

CARES Act funds **can only be used** to cover **unexpected cost of attendance (COA) expenses** and **unmet financial** needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and **expenses related to the disruption of campus operations** due to COVID-19 **after March 13, 2020**, such as:

- Books and supplies for online courses
- Technology needs for online course delivery (internet, data plan, etc.)
- Unexpected medical expenses
- Expenses related to moving home or for storage
- Childcare
- Shelter/housing needs since leaving campus
- Food
- **Tuition (****cannot be used to pay tuition/fees and outstanding tuition/fees balances accrued before March 13, 2020)**

+++ Student approved for funds will be required to sign an attestation that they will use the funds for eligible expenses and not to use them for ineligible expenses.

+++ Students will receive aid according to a sliding scale based on demonstrated financial need per their current FAFSA on file.

+++ The funds should be used to meet the expenses that will support the continued pursuit of your education. You are not required to inform us of how you used your monetary grant. **If you want to use it for tuition for courses after March 13, 2020, the university cannot do an internal transfer. You need to receive your grant money and then pay your tuition directly.**

For help, please contact the **Accounting Office** or the **Financial Aid Office**.

International students and DACA students are not eligible to receive CARES Act funding.

How to Apply?

Student who are eligible for CARES Act funding are required to submit their application for CARES Act Emergency Grant Funding, explaining how they have been financially impacted by the campus disruption due to the COVID-19 pandemic and their associated costs to the:

Financial Aid Office
finaid@lincolnuca.edu

Apply Now:

Students who were enrolled in the Spring 2020 semester as of 3/13/20, who are enrolled in the Summer 2020 session and/or enrolled in the Fall 2020 semester are encouraged to apply.

Applications are considered on a rolling basis if funds are available. Priority will be given to students with the greatest financial need.

This is a one-time emergency grant, so please apply only once.

Funds Approval/Disbursement

Student will be sent an e-mail if they have been approved for funding along with the approved amount of \$2,500 within 2-weeks of their application submission, and students will receive the funds within 3-weeks after approval.

Is the CARES Act funding considered taxable income?

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has confirmed that these emergency funds will not count as taxable income and will be qualified as disaster-relief funds under Section 139 IRS Code.