

Federal CARES Act student-relief funds fall distribution

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To Students, Faculty and Staff:

Eastern Michigan University is distributing the fall disbursement of federal CARES Act student-relief funds to qualifying students this week. The fall disbursement provides \$446 to each of 6,163 students who meet the eligibility criteria, for a total fall distribution of \$2,748,698.

Students eligible for the funding, as the University announced on July 1, 2020, are:

- Undergraduate students who receive Pell Grants;
- Undergraduate students who did not receive a federal Pell grant but demonstrate unmet financial need of \$1,000 or more based on Eastern Michigan University's federal cost of attendance and the expected family contribution from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and other forms of financial aid, including loans; and
- Graduate students who receive unsubsidized federal student loans.

Eastern's total share of the federal direct student-relief CARES Act funds for distribution to eligible students is nearly \$6.9 million. The initial distribution in early July 2020 to qualifying students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in the winter 2020 semester was \$1,379,440, or one-fifth of the total. The current fall semester distribution accounts for another two-fifths of the total. A third and final distribution to qualifying students will occur in the winter 2021 semester. It will comprise the remaining two-fifths of the University's federal CARES Act student-relief funds. The amount that each qualifying student will receive in Winter 2021 will not be known until early-2021.

The [CARES Act website](#) has additional details.