

Shorter College has signed and returned the Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement form for the Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and intends to use the funds to provide the mandated amount of at least 50% of the emergency financial aid grants to eligible Shorter College students who were enrolled during the Spring 2020 semester.

Shorter has disbursed relief checks of \$1,200 to eligible students. The total amount that Shorter has received under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) is \$1,000,097. These funds are for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus.

How to Apply for CARES Grant Funding:

Only students who are or could be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), may receive emergency financial aid grants. Eligibility is verified by student completion of the following two items:

1. If not already completed, students must complete a 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to demonstrate the needed eligibility to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA. This application can be found at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

2. **Any student enrolled in one or more face-to-face courses on or before March 13, 2020**, must complete an application using the this link <https://form.jotform.com/201215445689054>, students must complete the entire form and provide proof of need.

While the funds are designed to assist with specific needs, they will also be awarded on a case-by-case basis, limited to assisting student academic financial hardship. If you have any questions, please contact Reverend Mary Williams at Mary.Williams@shortercollege.edu.

WHO CAN APPLY: This application is open to Shorter College students who are currently enrolled with a GPA of 2.0 (if less than required GPA, must complete 10 hours of tutoring).

Students who are not seeking a degree or certificate, do not have a high school diploma or GED, are in Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status, or are an international student are not eligible for the emergency

financial aid grant.

AREAS THE FUND COVERS: Housing/Rent, Food Insecurity, Transportation, Medical-Related Expenses and Childcare **(Capped at \$800.00. Must provide a detailed invoice with on company letterhead.)**

Disbursement of Emergency Financial Aid Grants: Shorter College will distribute grants to eligible students who were enrolled for the Spring 2020 semester, have a 2019-2020 FAFSA on file, and completed the SHORTER COLLEGE CARES EMERGENCY RELIEF FORM. Funds will be disbursed to students via check. Please allow the selection committee 5 – 7 business days to determine student eligibility. You will be notified by email or phone once a decision has been made on your behalf.

Students who have a completed FAFSA on file and those students who have been determined to be eligible for Federal Student Aid will be awarded the grant. The criteria to participate in programs under Section 484 of the HEA include, but are not limited to, the following: U.S. citizenship or eligible noncitizen; a valid Social Security number; registration with Selective Service (if the student is male); and a high school diploma, GED, or completion of high school in an approved homeschool setting.

The CARES Act expressly requires that institutions provide the emergency financial aid grants directly to students “for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus (including eligible expenses under a student’s cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare)”. Funds may not be used for other purposes.