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Dear Student:

The world-wide, COVID-19 pandemic has created unprecedented times for many of us. Our society has been disrupted, and those disruptions have extended to higher education and to your personal education at Southeastern.

As a result of this pandemic, the federal government recently passed the CARES Act, part of which is designed to provide students with emergency financial aid grants to help cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. The aim of this Act is get support to those most in need, those whose lives have been disrupted, and those who are facing financial challenges and struggling to make ends meet.

As such, federal funding has been allocated to Southeastern to distribute to students. The funds are intended to help cover eligible expenses under a student's cost of attendance, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care as these items may have been negatively impacted as a result of the disruption of campus operations resulting from coronavirus.

To distribute funds to students, an application process is NOW available. In the application, you will have the opportunity to demonstrate need such as job loss or reduced employment hours in your household, additional expenses resulting from remote learning, increases in child care, etc., and you will be able to provide documentation supporting your need. A SIC Foundation Committee will review applications and make appropriate award determinations. Applications will be considered until all funds are exhausted.

To be eligible, students must have been enrolled at Southeastern Illinois College when the College transitioned to remote learning on March 13, 2020, and could not be exclusively enrolled in all online courses. Additionally, students must be eligible for Title IV aid according to federal regulations. That means that students must be eligible to complete the Federal Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) process, which requires a valid Social Security number. To complete the FAFSA, students must be a high school graduate or have a GED. However, a completed FAFSA or previous receipt of financial aid is not required to be eligible for a CARES Act emergency grant.

**In order to apply for a CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grant, please complete the application at [www.sic.edu/COVID19Application](http://www.sic.edu/COVID19Application). You must log into your MySIC account to view/complete the application.**

If you have questions regarding this emergency grant, please contact the Financial Aid Office at [fao@sic.edu](mailto:fao@sic.edu).

Thanks,

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