

## **\$500 CARES Act grant**

Dear Student,

You are eligible for a \$500 CARES Act grant for expenses you have incurred related to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the college's move to remote learning.

Your next step is to confirm that you would like to receive the \$500 grant because you had related expenses of at least this amount. Related expenses include:

- Purchase of technology services or equipment, including hardware and internet access;
- Purchase of course related materials;
- Need to pay a portion of rent/mortgage and utilities at a residence to which you relocated after March 13, 2020 (the last day of on-campus instruction for the Spring 2020 semester);
- Buy groceries or prepared food in place of meals you would have eaten under a college meal plan;
- Unexpected travel and/or storage expenses resulting from the closing of on-campus housing or a change in your off-campus residence as a result of Muhlenberg's move to remote learning; and/or
- Health care or family care costs related to the Coronavirus crisis.

[Please complete this form](#) by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 15. On the confirmation form, you can affirm your interest in receiving the \$500 grant, your interest in receiving the grant and applying for additional assistance, or you may decline the grant. The money from declined grants will be returned to the CARES Act fund to support additional requests for student assistance.

You will also get a separate notification from Google Forms asking for your reply to the confirmation form.

Your eligibility for this \$500 grant is based on two criteria, following the U.S. Department of Education's (DOE) guidelines to institutions:

- The DOE has affirmed that you are eligible for Title IV federal financial aid program (through your filing of a 2019-2020 FAFSA aid application); and
- At least a portion of your financial aid award for the 2019-2020 academic year was based solely on demonstrated financial need (grant aid beyond that awarded for academic achievement, talent, citizenship, or personal achievements).

Checks will be issued in late May and mailed to your permanent address or alternate address if provided.

Please accept our best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer.

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