



On March 27, 2020, Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136 authorized the Secretary of Education to allocate funds to provide emergency financial aid to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus pandemic.

On April 30, 2020, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary (Northern) signed and returned the CARES ACT – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Agreement. In signing the agreement, Northern will use no less than fifty percent of the funds received to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to disruption of campus operations.

The estimated number of students eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act was 67.

Under the CARES Act, Northern received a total of \$16,994. As of June 17, 2020, \$8,497 has been distributed to 13 students under Section 18004(a)(1). A portion of the grant under Sections 18004(a)(1) and 18004(c) may be allocated to the institution. As of July 16, 2020, Northern has used a portion of the grant for purchase of PPE supplies and additional deep cleaning in preparation of opening up of the campus.

Criteria for determination which students receive Emergency Financial Grants – Below is the information sent to eligible students to participate in the student financial aid program under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

Email to all students:

Dear Northern Students:

The Favor of God is at work for Northern Seminary again!

Northern Seminary, received a grant from the CARES ACT. This grant is for students who experienced disruption due to the coronavirus.

Please read both attachments, before completing the application.

https://northernseminary.formstack.com/forms/covid_grant

Peace,

Criteria to apply:

Northern Seminary

CARES ACT

(Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security)

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL AID FOR STUDENTS

APPLICATION DESCRIPTION AND PROCEDURE

Northern Seminary has received a grant from the CARES ACT; for the sole and exclusive purpose of providing emergency financial aid to students for their expenses related to the **DISRUPTION OF CAMPUS OPERATIONS** due to coronavirus. The expenses include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses.

The grant will be available to Northern Seminary students who:

- Took classes in person at the Lisle Center, Lawndale Center, New Life Youth Center, and Greater Cincinnati Center.
Per the CARES ACT grant requirement – *“At institutions that provide both online and ground-based education, those students who were enrolled exclusively in an online program on March 13, 2020, the date of the President’s Proclamation, ‘Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak,’ Federal Register Vol.85, No. 53 at 15337-38, are not eligible for emergency financial aid grants.”*
- Experienced disruption by having to take class at a site other than the centers mentioned above.
- Complete the Northern Seminary Emergency Financial Aid Grant (CARES Act) Student Request Form by **Friday, June 12, 2020 no later than 4:30PM.**

The Business Office and Student Services will:

- Receive the application via the email only.
- Remain discretion to determine the amount of each individual emergency aid granted.
- Use professional judgement when awarding aid.
- Follow the guideline set forth by the CARES Act, regarding the expenses -- **food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care.** (We may request proof of expenses)
- Report to the CARES Act administration and Secretary of Education, how grant funding was distributed to students, as well as the amount given to students

Application attached

Northern Seminary Emergency Financial Aid Grant (CARES Act) Student Request Form

The U.S. Department of Education has made available Emergency Financial Aid Grants that Northern Seminary can distribute to students that are eligible to receive federal student aid, and who need financial support for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus (including education expenses, course materials, technology, food, housing, healthcare and childcare). This request form allows students to request these need-based grants. Our Student Services and Business Office will use the information you provide below to determine the amount you will receive. Once the completed form has been received, we will begin the process to award and mail a check to you.

Please respond as soon as possible; fill out the information requested below on this form stack and submit it to us. Remember to provide your correct mailing address, email and phone number below.

Name

First Name

Last Name

Student ID

Seminary Email

Phone Number

Address

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

ZIP Code

Enter the expenses that have incurred since March 15, 2020 in the following areas:

Education Expenses / Course Materials / Technology

Food / Housing

Health / Childcare

Other

Include a description of the expense

I attest that all information is true and accurate, and I am requesting a one-time Emergency Financial Aid Grant to help cover the costs of expenses incurred due to the Coronavirus pandemic. I understand that I will be unable to revise this request after submitting it, and I understand that the administration at my seminary will determine my eligibility for grant monies based on my responses to the questions above.

Signature

Use your mouse or finger to draw your signature above

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