



Dear student,

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in extraordinary challenges, and we know that many of our students are experiencing unexpected financial hardship. Today, we want to be sure you are aware of three sources of funding that are available to help support you during this time.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act is providing funding to universities for the direct relief of students and to offset university operating losses and additional expenses related to COVID-19. In total, CSUSM is receiving \$7.9 million to assist our students. If you applied for financial aid via FAFSA for this academic year, you will receive a communication from the Office of Financial Aid today with additional information on the distribution of these funds.

For other students, you can apply for consideration through your MyCSUSM account. For more information, please visit the [Student Relief Request website](#).

In addition, there are two other sources of student aid:

- The [Student Relief Fund](#) is privately funded thanks to the generosity of our donors. All CSUSM students are eligible to apply via MyCSUSM.
- **The ASI Student Emergency Fund** is also available to currently enrolled CSUSM students who have encountered an unexpected financial emergency or catastrophic event. You can apply at [this link](#) or email sef@csusm.edu with questions.

We know these are trying times, and we hope these funding opportunities help support you through this crisis. For more information, please visit the [CARES Act Funding](#) page.

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