

April 27, 2020

To: UOG Students

From: Thomas W. Krise, President



Re: CARES Act Eligibility and Preparation for Distribution

Håfa Adai Tritons,

With the passage and signing into law of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the University of Guam will receive \$4.5 million — with an initial direct distribution to students of approximately \$2.3 million for emergency financial aid grants to help cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus.

Eligible students can expect between \$400-\$700 in direct grant aid depending on full time or part time status as defined by the UOG Undergraduate Catalog and Graduate Bulletin.

UOG anticipates receiving funds from the U.S. Department of Education (U.S. DOE) within the next few weeks. Funds will be distributed immediately after they are made available.

ELIGIBILITY

Only UOG students who were still registered as of March 14, 2020 may be eligible to receive CARES Act funds. Further guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Education, specifies that 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.

Student who have filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or who have not filed a FAFSA but who are eligible to file a FAFSA may receive emergency financial aid grants. The criteria to participate in Title IV Programs (Pell Grant, Federal Direct Loans) 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 Financial Aid Office and the Bursar's Office are reviewing student information to ensure eligibility for students who have enrolled for the Fañomnåkan 2020 semester and have not filed a FAFSA.

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DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

UOG will distribute funds through **DIRECT DEPOSIT** or through **POSTAL MAIL**. Please update your contact information and direct deposit authorizations to ensure there are no delays.

1. **Direct Deposit** – UOG recommends that all students sign up for Direct Deposit. Students with active direct deposit authorizations will receive the funds in their respective bank accounts first.

Download the Direct Deposit Authorization form at the link below:

<https://www.uog.edu/resources/files/administration/bursar/Direct-Deposit-fillable-.pdf>

Please send the completed form along with a voided check or a bank statement to accountspayable@triton.uog.edu.

2. **Postal Mail** – Students can also receive a check through the mail. It is very important that your address is up to date to prevent undeliverable or returned mail. Download the change of address form to update your contact information below and send it to admitme@triton.uog.edu.

Download the Change of Address form at the link below:

<https://www.uog.edu/resources/files/forms/request-for-change-of-address.pdf>

NOTE: At this time, there will be no in-person pick up available.

We will do everything we can to minimize any issues and ensure that funds reach each student as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions, you may e-mail the Financial Aid Office at finaid@triton.uog.edu or the Bursar's Office at bursar@triton.uog.edu.