



# CAL STATE LA

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT WILLIAM A. COVINO

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April 30, 2020

Dear Golden Eagles:

I am pleased to share some good news regarding the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act: Cal State LA has now received and is preparing to distribute the allocation earmarked for students. Soon you will receive funds that you can use to cover expenses related to the coronavirus. This may include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, child-care expenses, and other priorities.

Within the Cal State LA community, students will receive varying amounts of assistance. Grants are based on each student's financial need as reflected in financial aid documents. Most students, regardless of need or financial aid award, will receive a baseline amount of assistance and will not need to complete an application to receive the funds. They will be sent automatically. Those students who have set up a direct deposit account in GET will receive the funds via direct deposit. Other students will receive a check via U.S. mail.

Students who receive an automatic CARES Act grant or who are not eligible for financial aid, and still face need, may apply for a CARES Act emergency grant. To be considered for additional funding, students must complete and submit a [CARES Act emergency grant application](#) by May 11.

We believe that this is an equity-based approach to distribution that reflects our desire to assist all students, yet recognizes that we must consider a student's individual needs.

Students, I am proud of you for being resilient and committed to your educational goals. Even in the face of the massive changes taking place in our nation and the world, you have remained in school working toward your degree and preparing for a brighter future. Cal State LA pledges to work with you and to continue to look for new ways to help you reach your goals.

Sincerely,

William A. Covino  
President

*(This is a University-wide email. Please do not reply.)*