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Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

On April 9, 2020, U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos announced the first wave of CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) funding to colleges and universities across the United States. The funding is available through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund authorized by the CARES Act and allocates funds to colleges and universities to provide emergency aid to college students whose lives and educations have been disrupted by the coronavirus outbreak.

Each college and university receiving these funds must prepare its own plan describing how these funds will be used to meet emergency needs of students, subject to US Department of Education guidelines.

Not all students will receive these funds. The federal guidelines mandate that these funds be distributed only to students who are or could be eligible to participate in federal financial aid programs (Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act, as amended) Eligibility to participate in federal financial aid programs for this academic year require students to complete a 2019-2020 FAFSA. This FAFSA may be filed until June 30, 2020.

EGSC's plan will make funds available to eligible EGSC students enrolled in Spring Semester 2020, Maymester 2020 and Summer Semester 2020.

Funds will be distributed directly to students using EGSC's financial aid refund process, Bank Mobile, to be used as the student deems necessary to cover expenses related to the disruption caused by COVID-19 and the transition to wholly online schedules. The student will not be required to report to EGSC or account for the expenditure of the emergency funds.

It is EGSC's intention to distribute funds by Thursday, May 7, 2020.

Please [click here](#) to see EGSC's Eligibility Criteria, Calculations and Award Amounts.

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