



Dear Student,

I am writing about funding that you will receive from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), provided through the CARES Act, which assists students who had unexpected expenses due to the disruption of campus operations caused by the COVID-19 crisis. Below is more detailed information about the CARES Act, eligible expenses and how to receive your funds.

#### The CARES Act

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, passed by Congress and signed by the President at the end of March, provides economic relief in response to COVID-19. Included in the legislation is the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), which gives funding to higher education institutions across the country to distribute to students with financial need. Villanova is distributing funds to Title IV-eligible students for the 2019-20 academic year.

#### Eligible Expenses

The grant you will receive can be used for any expense you may have incurred "related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus." This includes food, housing, course materials, technology (such as the need to buy a computer when courses were moved online), health care or child care costs.

#### Receiving Your Funds

The University will not be issuing checks and will distribute CARES Act funds through direct deposit to student accounts. If you are signed up for direct deposit of refunds, Villanova will post and deposit these funds in the designated bank account.

If you have not signed up for **direct deposit of refunds**, you will need to do so by clicking [here](#) before the funds can be disbursed to you. Even if you have signed up for direct deposit through Villanova's Payroll Office, you will still need to sign up for **direct deposit of refunds** following the link above.

By accepting these funds, you are confirming that you have incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19.

You may choose to decline part or all of the funds, in which case those funds will go into a pool to be made available to other qualified students in need. If you wish to decline the funds, please email [finaidcovid19@villanova.edu](mailto:finaidcovid19@villanova.edu).

**For additional information about the CARES Act or your grant funds, you can visit Villanova's [CARES Act and Student Hardship Fund page](#).**

On behalf of all of us at Villanova, I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J. Leon Washington". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J" and a prominent dot over the "i" in "Washington".

J. Leon Washington  
Dean of Enrollment Management