

Dear Meredith students,

First, I hope you are well and safe and know that we miss you and care deeply for your well-being. We are eager for your safe return to campus and are following all guidelines in this uncertain time.

Next, I wrote to you last Friday letting you know that limited, federal grant funding would soon be available to you under the CARES Act and promised to update you this week on any new information related to these grants.

Since I last wrote to you, there have been several developments. We have received new guidance from the federal government about who is eligible for these funds, identified institutional funds to supplement the limited funds available, and determined how to allocate this funding in a way that helps the most students. Further, we have reviewed multiple calculations and approaches and have erred on the side of being more generous, knowing the disruption has upended so much of your life, even as instruction and educational services continue.

Next week, students eligible for funding from the College and the CARES Act based on residential status and disruption to meal plan service will receive a check with the amount you are eligible to receive. The check will include a letter with additional options on the funds' use.

Eligible commuter and graduate students, along with residential students, will have the opportunity to apply for an emergency grant for expenses because of campus disruption allowable under the CARES Act. A CARES Act application will be available in the coming weeks through the Office of Financial Assistance.

Funds will begin being distributed on or around May 1, and we will notify you when they are in the mail. Please do not come to campus for the checks. Answers to some of the questions you may have about this process will be posted on Meredith's Coronavirus Updates website next week.

Our financial assistance and accounting teams are also ready to help answer your financial questions. The [Office of Financial Assistance](#) staff can help with questions related to grants, loans, or changed financial circumstances. The accounting office, which can be reached at accounting@meredith.edu, can help with questions about your account.

Please be safe and well and continue following the guidelines for your well-being. And continue to monitor our coronavirus website and your emails for additional information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Jo Allen, '80
President

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