

To the Bryant University Student Community:

Funds have been made available to Bryant University through the federal government's Coronavirus Aid, Relief & Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide direct assistance to students whose education has been disrupted by the pandemic. The government requires that the University give priority to those students who can demonstrate the highest financial need for this assistance.

The **Bryant University CARES Grant Program**, funded by the federal government, for up to \$1,080,382 provides money to be awarded to student applicants based upon the following eligibility:

- The applicant must be enrolled **full-time** (at least 12 credits) in the undergraduate degree program during the semester for which assistance is requested. At this time, only students requesting assistance for the Spring 2020 semester should apply.
- The applicant must have a 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid FAFSA (FAFSA) on file.
- The applicant **MUST** be eligible for Federal Student Aid based on government criteria. Per the federal program guidelines, international students are not eligible for receipt of such grant funds:
 - <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements>
- The applicant must not be enrolled exclusively in an online program prior to the COVID-19 disruption.
- The applicant must be maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress, as determined by the University's Office of Financial Aid, in accordance with Department of Education Standards.

At this time, the University is processing applications from full-time undergraduate students only, with a priority given to those who are Pell Grant eligible, as well as those with the highest financial need. All applications should pertain to allowable expenses incurred during the Spring 2020 semester. Grants for the Spring 2020 semester will be awarded first and based on availability of any remaining funds applications for the fall semester will be considered. Future expansion of the program may be considered for graduate and part-time undergraduate students pending availability of funding.

The **Bryant University CARES Grant** is NOT considered student financial aid and it will not impact student eligibility for such programs. The **Bryant University CARES Grant** is NOT taxable. The **Bryant University CARES Grant** will NOT be applied to any outstanding balance you may be carrying on your student account.

Bryant students can apply for assistance through the University's online **Banner Self Service** module. Select **Student Services & Financial Aid**, and then select **Bryant University CARES Grant Application**. If your application is successfully submitted, you will receive immediate confirmation of submission. If your application is not eligible for award of a grant you will receive immediate notification of the reason for ineligibility. The deadline to apply for such grants will be July 26, 2020. The University will review all successfully submitted applications and notify the applicants of the approval of the grant within 2 weeks of the application deadline date. Payment of these grant awards will be made directly to you by the Bursar's Office.

If you have questions, please contact:
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