

Attention: Undergraduates, Graduate Students and PA Students

Funds totaling \$1,080,382 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. Bryant is happy to open the third application phase of the **Bryant University CARES Grant Program**.

This application phase for the **Bryant University CARES Grant Program** is now open to all undergraduate, graduate & physician assistant students who were officially enrolled in at least six credits during the spring semester of 2020 or the PA 2020 winter term (1/2/20 – 3/26/2020). Eligible applicants **MUST**:

- Have a **2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** on file at Bryant **AND**
- 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> **AND**
- **NOT** be enrolled exclusively in an online program prior to the COVID-19 disruption. *Note – Students enrolled in Bryant's online MBA Program are not eligible for these funds.* **AND**
- Be maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress as determined by the University's Office of Financial Aid in accordance with U.S. Department of Education standards.

As the government requires that priority for awarding these funds be given to those applicants with the highest financial need, some applicants with higher Expected Family Contributions (EFC) may be ineligible for **Bryant University CARES Grant**. Figures entered on the application must pertain only to the listed expenses incurred during the Spring 2020 or PA Winter 2020 semester when the campus was shut down.

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.

Undergraduate, graduate and PA students can apply for assistance through the University's online **Banner Self Service**. 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 you are ineligible for the **Bryant University CARES Grant**, you will receive immediate notification of the reason(s) for this final determination. The deadline to apply for these grants will be September 13, 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 the student by the Bursar's Office.

Important Note! *The current application for Bryant University CARES Grant funds is not opened to students who have previously applied and been granted assistance. You may not receive more than one award from this fund.*