

University of Maine CARES Act Funding Communication

GENERIC EMAIL(@maine.edu) COMMUNICATION (All Groups):

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Undergraduate Students

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Please view your MaineStreet Message Center (mainestreet.maine.edu) for additional information regarding the amount of your payment, how you will receive your emergency funding, and if you must submit any additional information prior to receiving your payment.

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Applications must be submitted by May 22, 2020 at 4:30pm.

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Questions

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ORONO UNDERGRADUATE- Filed 2019-20/2020-21 FAFSA (MESSAGE CENTER COMMUNICATION):

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How you will receive your payment

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The Message Center will also provide additional information regarding the amount of your payment and how you will receive your emergency funding.**

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We are sending a second communication to you because you have not yet completed the CARES Act Self-Certification on your MaineStreet To-Do List. Since you are potentially eligible for federal Title IV funds, in order to receive a payment of emergency funds, you are required to complete a CARES Act Self-Certification. Please navigate to your To Do List on your MaineStreet Student Center and complete the CARES Act Self-Certification as soon as possible to verify your eligibility. The CARES Act Self-Certification must be completed by July 31, 2020 in order to receive funds.

Since you are considered a half-time student for the Spring 2020 semester, you are potentially eligible to receive a \$200 direct payment of these emergency funds.

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