

This is an archive communication regarding CARES Act HEERF funds; posted as required by the United States Department of Education. This information is likely outdated. Please see the current [COVID-19 resource page](#) for the most current information.

What is the CARES Act?

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act, provides Slippery Rock University the ability to award emergency funding to students to cover expenses due to the break in instruction you have experienced, as well as the shift to online learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related safety measures.

How do I know if I'm eligible to receive CARES Act funding?

Eligible students will receive an email from SRU's Financial Aid Office on or around Friday, May 1st alerting them to their eligibility. Eligible students were identified using the current Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also known as FAFSA, the University has on record, as well as the corresponding Expected Family Contribution, or EFC. Students enrolled in an online program of study are not eligible to receive this funding per the verbiage within the CARES Act.

Will there be future CARES Act funding provided to students?

Yes. In the coming weeks a second round of funding will be made available through an application process. As part of the process, students will need to submit an application so that the University can keep records of how the additional funding was distributed. SRU is establishing a maximum funding threshold for each student to ensure that these funds are distributed as widely, and appropriately, as possible. The University is prioritizing this funding stream in order to get money in the hands of students with the greatest need as quickly as possible. Additional information will be emailed to all students.

What can I use my CARES Act funds for?

This money can be applied for any expenses related to your education, including any outstanding bill you may have, food, housing, course materials, technology needs, health care or child care.

Who should I contact if I have additional questions about CARES Act funding?

Please contact the Financial Aid Office at 724.738.2044 or financial.aid@sru.edu.