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Dear Student:

As you may have read the CARES Act has provided additional direct student aid through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). All colleges and universities were awarded aid based on a complex formula developed by the Education Department.

**Criteria of Aid:**

According to the Education Department, these funds are for "providing emergency financial aid grants to students for their expenses related to the **disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus**, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and child care expenses." In addition, the Act stated that students needed to be Title IV eligible. That is, they had to have had the ability to file a FAFSA form.

**Emmaus determination of recipients:**

This aid was provided to Emmaus for distributions. The administration has decided to provide this aid to all resident students and full-time non-resident students. However, it was felt that those students who were campus residents would receive a greater amount of aid since they experienced the greatest disruption of campus operations. Almost all resident students were forced to move off campus in a quick time frame and return home or coordinate a local place to stay. Full-time non-residents students will receive aid as well, however, it will be a lower amount since their disruption was not as great.

**Student Use of these Funds:**

You are free to use these funds as you see fit. Consider this similar to stimulus checks that were provided by the IRS. You can use this money to reimburse yourself for any travel expenses incurred, **pay your student accounts balance**, save for next semester tuition payments, or some other use.

Please note, for students who have provided a FERPA waiver, we are also contacting your designee with the same information and the dollar amount you will receive.

Blessing,  
The Emmaus Administration