

We recognize that you may be experiencing unexpected financial hardships due to the COVID 19 crisis. We know that the shelter in place has brought immense disruption to our campus and our student's lives. We hope to offer some positive news to you. Chabot College received funding from the federal Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act for direct emergency grant payments to students whose lives have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

To ensure these funds get into the hands of eligible students who need them the most, we are providing the funds based primarily on Spring 2020 enrollment status and demonstrated unmet financial need. Our distribution plan is designed to help as many students and with the greatest financial need. For more information, please see our <u>CARES webpage</u>.

Based on information provided in your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and in accordance with the CARES Act legislation, we have determined that you are eligible for these funds, and have awarded you our maximum award of \$500. The grant is intended to assist you with academically related expenses incurred due to COVID-19, such as those related to food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and childcare. Your receipt of these funds will serve as verification that you have financial needs in one or more of these areas.

Initial awards were disbursed the week of June 1st, with refunds going to BankMobile for distribution the week of June 8th. Students receiving the first awards can see them on their account balance and financial aid award screen in ClassWeb. A second round of \$500 awards are on its way, and students should see the CARES award on ClassWeb within the next two weeks.

Students are not required to pay these funds back. These funds will be paid directly to students by the college, and cannot be used to cover an existing balance. While you may see this award on your student account, your 2019-20 financial aid awards will not be impacted.

**CARES Emergency grants will be refunded through our partner BankMobile.** If you have already selected a refund preference, you don't need to take any action. If you have not selected a refund preference, please do so immediately, by clicking <u>here</u>.

Please see our <u>CARES FAQ</u> for responses to questions you may have. Stay healthy, safe and well.

**Chabot Financial Aid Office** 



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