

STUDENT UPDATE FROM VP OF STUDENT SUCCESS, POLLY ABTS– April 23, 2020

Greetings, LTC Students -

These are challenging times for our students. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) act provides support to college students whose lives have been disrupted, many of whom are faced with financial challenges and struggling to make ends meet.

LTC has received a share of funding from the federal government to provide emergency aid to students who are eligible to fill out a FAFSA and who need to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the pandemic. Eligible students can receive up to \$2,000 in funding to cover costs they are incurring as a result of campus closing due to COVID/Stay-at-Home orders.

These funds are meant to support eligible students who incurred new expenses because of the temporary disruption in campus activities for items such as: groceries and supplies (normally distributed by Student Shares), health and dental services (provided free on campus), campus childcare, and additional costs to move to online courses including technology, and tools or course materials normally supplied on campus.

If you are a LTC student who has or is eligible to file a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Financial Aid) and whose courses were disrupted by the changes in LTC operations during the pandemic, then you may be eligible for a relief grant. Please fill out the simple [application](#) below - in which you tell LTC how you are impacted and how you will use this CARES funding. LTC emergency grant team will review all applications for eligibility.

Applications are accepted from April 23 through May 31. This is NEW and LIMITED funding only for this time – and we will process applications on a first served basis depending on fund availability. Once your application is approved, your funds will be directly deposited into your bank account through ACH, or by a check mailed to your residence. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, so don't wait to apply. Go to MyLTC to update your bank information so LTC can make a direct deposit. Otherwise, a check will be mailed to eligible students using the address you put on the application. We anticipate the application review to check/deposit time will be approximately 10 days. Students will be notified about their grant as soon as their application is processed via email.

Full and part-time students at LTC whose coursework was disrupted can apply. The funding is only available to FAFSA eligible students who are enrolled in a college program seeking a degree or certificate. It does not cover students in dual credit courses, courses 100% online prior to March 2020, GED, ELL or continuing education. If you have questions about your eligibility or how to apply for this funding, please email COVID.help@gotoltc.edu.

<https://gotoltc.edu/cares-help/>

Other emergency grants are available to LTC students through the LTC Foundation throughout the year. If you are interested in other resources for emergency expenses, or are not eligible for the CARES funds, go to <https://gotoltc.edu/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/emergency-grant/index.html> for more information and to complete an application.

Thank you.

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