



Clarkson University  
CARES Act 30-Day Report  
May 20, 2020

On April 10, 2020, Clarkson University signed and returned the Recipient's Funding Certification and Agreement for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Emergency grant funding in the amount of \$1,295,354 was awarded, and funding was made available for drawdown, on April 20, 2020.

The total number of Clarkson University students eligible for Title IV financial aid, and thus potentially eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid to Students under CARES Act, is 2,744.

As of May 20, 2020, Clarkson exceeded the required grant amount by distributing \$1,763,894 to 1,287 students for emergency food relief from a combination of \$1,295,354 in CARES Act funding and \$468,540 in institutional funds. Recipients were identified as eligible students who had relied on on-campus food service that ceased to be available due to disruptions in campus operations. The base amount of \$1,420 was calculated based on the value of food service that would otherwise have been provided during the period of time on-campus food service was no longer available, and for which students were not eligible to receive reimbursement. From this base amount, individualized reductions were taken based on other forms of aid received by the students so that funds could be prioritized based on need. In addition, individualized grants were made available in varying amounts in response to specific requests for assistance with food expenses.

All recipients were instructed that the grants were being provided for the purpose of assisting with expenses for food arising out of their departure from campus due to the coronavirus pandemic. Below is a sample of the individualized email communication provided to students concerning the emergency grant containing this instruction:

Dear {Student},

We hope you, your family members and friends are healthy and safe. With only a couple of weeks to go, we hope you are making good progress with your Clarkson courses now online.

Universities are still receiving guidance on how to address federal, state and institutional aid programs as well as external scholarship program contributions towards payments already made to universities for such things as room and board. With each student's financial aid package highly individualized, these are complicated matters. Clarkson, however, believes that it needs to begin to support our students now and deal immediately with food issues.

Next week, you will get a check (if you do not have direct deposit on file) for \${Student Amount} to initiate the emergency relief; these funds are intended to assist you with expenses for food arising out of your departure from campus due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The University plans to process these payments on Tuesday, April 28th, and will mail them out the same day.\*

It will be sent to this address: {Student's Home Address}.

Most students will get further financial accommodation relief as soon as individualized calculations are finalized. We look forward to seeing you back on campus when it is possible. If you need support in the interim, please let me know.

Sincerely,

{Student Service Representative Name}

Student Service Representative

\* A number of families have already indicated to Clarkson that they do not need financial relief and would like for us to direct these funds to the new [COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund](#) for Clarkson students and families who face significant family income loss because of the COVID-19 crisis. If you wish to allow Clarkson more flexibility to help those families in greatest financial need, please contact Development & Alumni Relations at 315/268-7718 or [developmentops@clarkson.edu](mailto:developmentops@clarkson.edu). Thank you for your generosity if you choose this option.