**FA FAQs**

**Emergency Financial Aid Grants**

I had COVID-19 emergency. Can I get additional financial assistance?
Yes. The *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act* was recently signed into law; the CARES act is designed to provide cash grants to students for expenses related to disruptions to their education due to the COVID-19 outbreak, including such items as course materials and technology as well as food, housing, health care, and childcare. An announcement to the NJIT community with additional information and an application will be made shortly.

How do I apply for CARES Act funding?
Please complete the Emergency Grants Fund form.

Can I apply for the CARES Act funding more than once?
Yes, students can apply more than once but only once per month.

What are the qualifications to receive funding via the CARES Act?
All current and enrolled students with emergency expenses due to the disruption of campus operations because of COVID-19 can apply.

Do I need to attach any supporting documentation to my application?
Yes, please provide supporting documentation as applicable and as best as you can. If you cannot, just specify why you cannot provide such documentation on your application.

What if my application is denied for the CARES Act funding?
Other relief grants will be provided to the extent possible in cases where students do not meet the general guidelines.

What if I am getting an error message trying to access the application?
The application can be opened only using your UCID credential. If you get an error while opening the application form, please try the following ways to access the form:

1. Open the application in different browser where you are not already logged into any email account.
2. Close all the email accounts and only have NJIT email account open in the browser.

What if I have emergency expenses that occurred prior to March 12; will my application be considered?
Any COVID-19 related emergency expense that incurred before March 12, 2020, which is the beginning of the disruption of campus operations, are considered non-COVID-19 related and therefore ineligible for CARES Act funding.

If approved, how much will I receive and when can I expect to receive my funding?
Funds will be determined based on the amount requested but not to exceed $500. Requests that exceed $500 will be considered at the committee’s discretion, considering the available budget. If your application is approved, and you are signed up for direct deposition, the funds will be on your account as soon as it is posted. If you are not set up for direct deposit, a paper check will be mailed in a few weeks.
We encourage all students to sign up for direct deposit by following the instructions on the Bursar’s website.

**Are rental or mortgage expenses considered as part of the CARES Act funding?**
Meeting rental or mortgage payments may be a valid emergency expense. However, in cases where there is federal and state relief already available, the committee reserves the right to deny or approve the request to avoid duplicating the relief. Such is the case with the loss of employment where there is present relief provided by the New Jersey Unemployment Agency. Further, the New Jersey Governor’s Executive Order that prohibits eviction or foreclosure proceedings will be considered in related requests.

**Since NJIT is closed how will I receive my funds?**
We encourage you to sign up for Direct Deposit using a valid checking account number. This is a fast and convenient option to receive financial aid funds. If you have not signed up for direct deposit, a paper check will be processed and mailed.

Below are the step-by-step instructions on how to enroll in Direct Deposit:

1. Click “MyNJIT Login” on [www.njit.edu](http://www.njit.edu) and log in using your NJIT UCID and password
2. Click on “Student Services” in the left-hand column
3. Click on the link “Create/Update Direct Deposit Allocation” in either the My Bursar Account or the Online Services section of the page
4. Click on “Add New” in the Accounts Payable Deposit section of the page
5. Click “Create New”
6. Enter Bank Routing Number, Account Number, and Select Account Type (click “i” by each for more information).
7. Check the authorization box and Click “Save New Deposit”.

**Can I apply the CARES funds to my existing balance at NJIT?**
If your existing balance is related to COVID-19, you can pay your balance after you receive your funds via direct deposit or paper check. These funds will not be automatically applied to your account to reduce your current balance.

**Will receipt of these funds impact my 2019-2020 financial aid award in any way?**
No. Because these are emergency funds, they will not be included as a resource on your aid package and will not be considered untaxed income.

**Do I need to file a 2019-2020 FAFSA and be a financial aid recipient in order to receive funding via the CARES Act?**
Although filing a 2019-2020 FAFSA is not a requirement; however, the committee will give first preference to those who demonstrate need by using the FAFSA data. It is to your benefit to file the 2019-2020 FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

**What type of expenses are covered?**
Expenses related to disruptions to education due to the COVID-19 outbreak, including such items as course materials and technology as well as food, housing, health care, and childcare.