



Dear CAU Students,

The U.S. Department of Education (DOE) is distributing \$6 billion to colleges and universities across the country to provide direct emergency financial aid grants as a way to assist expenses related to the disruption or personal adjustments required for continued educational participation due to COVID-19. The funding is possible through the [Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund](#) authorized by the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#).

California Aeronautical University (CAU) has signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. CAU received over \$147 thousand to allocate to students. The university will provide emergency aid funds and other resources to ensure eligible students enrolled receive support during this period of uncertainty.

We are excited to inform you that CAU began distributing the CARES Emergency Relief Grant funds as prescribed by the Department of Education to CAU students enrolled during the March 2020 term.

However, the CARES Act does not cover all students. With available guidance provided regarding these funds, the University has determined that funds are to be made available to currently enrolled students taking residential courses to assist with financial needs in transition to distance education caused by the public health emergency. Eligibility to receive an award to assists students require the student 1) to be working toward the completion of a degree, 2) have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and 3) to be enrolled in at least one (1) ground/residential course at the University during term beginning March 16, 2020.

Following is CARES Act Eligibility:

<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>Amount Available</b>	<b># of Eligible Students*</b>	<b>Amount to be Awarded per Student</b>
March 2020 Term	\$147,356.00	178	\$830.00

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As of May 22, 2020, CAU has distributed most of the funds received from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students to 172 currently enrolled students for \$830 per student totaling \$142,760.

Any questions regarding the CARES Act funding may be sent to [FinancialServices@CalAero.edu](mailto:FinancialServices@CalAero.edu).

Sincerely,

Matthew Johnston  
President

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