

Student Financial Aid Available Through CARES Act

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Dear Student,

The Office of Financial Aid is eager to share the news that the university has received a limited amount of funding to assist students with emergency grants through the CARES Act. The CARES Act specifically designates these funds under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to provide direct grant assistance to students to cover expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. These grants are designed to assist students with food, housing (including moving costs), course materials, health care, child care, technology-related expenses, transportation (including travel home from study abroad), and other related expenses.

All undergraduate students with a current valid Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* are invited to apply by completing the following steps:

1. Complete the [Student Assistance Form](#);
2. Select the HEERF option;
3. Indicate what expenses you are facing as a result of the COVID-19 disruption;
4. Include any additional information about your personal situation so financial aid can best understand your individual circumstance and provide further financial support where possible; and
5. Answer any follow-up questions sent to your Hawk email by a financial aid staff member.

Illinois Tech aims to support as many students as possible with these limited relief funds while keeping in mind that some students may have greater need than others. We encourage you to apply as soon as possible to be considered. Applications will be reviewed as received, and funds are limited. HEERF grant awarding will begin immediately upon receipt of applications. Students who previously submitted the Student Assistance Form with other financial concerns will be considered for HEERF through their original submission.

All HEERF grants will be distributed through the TouchNet direct deposit system. If this option is not available to you, your address will be confirmed and a paper check will be mailed to that address.

This is an unprecedented time, and we know many students are in need. Illinois Tech is committed to offering assistance to the greatest extent possible through the HEERF grants. Please reach out to us with any questions about the HEERF grant process or with any other needs you have at finaid@iit.edu or 312.567.7219.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Wahlstrom Helgren
Director, Office of Financial Aid

** Under the CARES Act, students must be eligible to receive Title IV aid; outstanding federal aid requirements or SAP ineligibility limits HEERF eligibility. Illinois Tech has no authority to alter this federally established requirement.*



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