



Dear Barton Students and Families,

As a result of Congress passing the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Barton has been allocated \$580,659 in emergency student aid to assist eligible students who incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. In accordance with guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Education, CARES Act money will help students who incurred "expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses." To qualify for the Federal Emergency funds, the student must be enrolled in on-campus courses as of March 13, 2020, and determined to be Title IV eligible.

The Department of Education has stated that only students eligible to receive federal financial aid funds may receive assistance through the CARES Act. This means that students who do not have a 2019-20 FAFSA on file will not be eligible.

Barton has identified 796 students to receive an initial allocation of \$625 each. These students met the eligibility guidelines outlined by the Department of Education and were enrolled in traditional undergraduate programs as of March 13th with nine or more credit hours. In the event that those students incurred additional expenses related to COVID-19, the [COVID-19 Federal CARES Act Emergency Grant Application](#) information was included with their \$625 allocation check. The remaining 88 Title IV eligible, on-campus students not enrolled in traditional undergraduate programs were also invited to complete the [COVID-19 Federal CARES Act Emergency Grant Application](#) via email.

Prior to receiving CARES Act funding, Barton has put a financial support plan in place to graduating seniors and fall 2020 returning students by offering a Barton Cares Scholarship. Barton has also bolstered efforts to raise private funds to offer relief to families experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 and to keep students enrolled. For more information and the latest COVID-19 responses, please visit <https://www.barton.edu/coronavirus/>

Sincerely,

Thomas Welch
Director of Financial Aid