

## **IMPORTANT UPDATE**

## **Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds Grant Notice**

The U.S. Department of Education has made Emergency Financial Aid Grants available to students of our institution who need financial support for their expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the Coronavirus pandemic. This is an emergency aid grant to be used for additional expenses related to the disruption of normal campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic such as food, housing, technology, course materials, healthcare, and child-care.

Due to all ground courses being moved to an online format for the Spring 2020 term, we understand that all students attending residential courses this term have been affected to some degree and have likely incurred expenses related to the campus disruption cause by the pandemic. To meet the needs of our students during this time, South College will be awarding the emergency grant aid to each federal financial aid eligible student who has completed the 2019-20 FAFSA, that is actively participating in courses and is in good standing. (https://fafsa.ed.gov)

By accepting the emergency grant aid, you attest that you have incurred expenses related to the campus disruption caused by the pandemic and understand that the grant is to be used to pay expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care expenses. You are confirming that you will use these funds for these expenses.

The emergency grant aid will be disbursed via physical check and mailed to your current mailing address on file. (<u>https://portal.south.edu</u>). If you need to update your mailing address, please use the attached directions to access and update your information. This needs to be done no later than Sunday, May 10, 2020.

If you have <u>not</u> incurred any additional expenses due to the disruption of campus operations as the result of the Coronavirus pandemic, please respond by sending a written statement to that effect with your signature and date to your Financial Aid office. You can email this notice and any other questions regarding this grant to your campus Financial Aid office at <u>emergencyrelieffunds@south.edu</u>.

## Loss of Income

If you have recently had a change in employment status, or a significant and permanent loss of income, you may request that the Financial Aid Office recalculate your student aid based upon your new income. You can initiate this process by logging into your enrollment portal account at <a href="https://enroll.south.edu">https://enroll.south.edu</a> and click the help button. You will then be prompted to choose your type of question (Financial Planning) and submit your request for review. This will prompt a Financial Aid Officer to reach out to you to collect verification of loss of income documentation for further consideration and processing.

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