

May 7, 2020

Greetings SBC students,

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020. One part of the Act is the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF).

The HEERF fund provided money to institutions for emergency financial aid grants to college students whose lives have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, many of whom are facing financial challenges and struggling to make ends meet. The emergency funds must be used to cover expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare.

SBC also received emergency grant funds from the American Indian College Fund.

To qualify for the HEERF emergency grant, students were required to be eligible for Title IV financial aid. Awards for both funding sources were based on current enrollment on April 27 and attendance.

As you were an SBC student when the COVID pandemic began, you are eligible to receive an emergency aid grant. By endorsing the enclosed check, you are acknowledging you will use the funds to cover the allowable expenditures listed above. Students who receive funding from their institutions are not required to record or track how it is spent.

I encourage you to continue to take precautions to protect yourself and your family from contact with the COVID-19 virus. We look forward to seeing you back in college this upcoming fall term.

Dr. Laurel Vermillion  
President, SBC

