

## **CARES Act Relief Aid**

ULM is distributing \$2,888,882 in emergency aid to help undergraduate, graduate, and professional students cover all or part of their costs related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. The money is from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, which is part of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

ULM realizes that students have incurred expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic that can't be easily documented. For that reason ULM provided \$300 to every student eligible to receive CARES Act funding. Those students who do not have a FAFSA on file must complete a form to show that they are eligible to receive federal student aid in order to receive the \$300 payment. **That form can be found here.**

Based on the conditions established by the U.S. Department of Education the following groups of students are ineligible to receive CARES Act Relief Aid: (a) Dual enrollment students; (b) Students enrolled in a 100% online degree program; and (c) Students who are not U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens.

Students eligible to receive the standard \$300 award may apply for additional CARES Act support. Those who have already completed the online application for CARES Act funding do not need to resubmit. Their requests for funding are being reviewed by a committee. To be considered for additional CARES Act Relief Aid, the student must provide supporting evidence to show they have COVID-related expenses/costs greater than what is covered by the \$300 award. Covered expenses include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care costs. Students who are unable to provide supporting documentation due to extenuating circumstances may provide a letter, signed and dated, that (a) explains the situation, (b) provides an itemization of the amount of aid being requested, and (c) states why documentation is unable to be provided. ULM students may apply for additional CARES Act relief aid by clicking below:

### **Apply Here**

Because of the volume of applications for additional aid we received, the review process is taking longer than we had originally planned. The CARES Act committee continues to review applications. We appreciate the patience and understanding of our students.

**NOTE: THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL CARES ACT AID IS SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020.**

*Please see our **Frequently Asked Questions** page for any questions you may have regarding CARES Act Relief Aid.*