



Message from President Wyke on CARES Act & Student Emergency Funding

Dear UMA Students,

The federal government, through the [CARES Act](#), made funding available for eligible students to assist with emergency expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 response and its disruption of their college education. UMA will be distributing these funds as outlined by the federal act and the University of Maine System's implementation guidelines.

- For eligible students who have **filed and successfully completed a FAFSA**, you will find additional information through your [MaineStreet Message Center](#) that is specific to your situation, including the amount of funds you will receive.
- For eligible students who have **not successfully completed a FAFSA**, or **did not file a FAFSA**, you may still be eligible for funds by self-certifying that you are Title IV (federal student aid) eligible. You will be notified by email to check the **To Do List** on your [MaineStreet Student Center](#) to complete the **CARES Act Self-Certification**. Please complete as soon as possible but no later than **August 4, 2020**, to verify your eligibility.

Two Options for Additional Emergency Funding

UMA has reserved a portion of the **CARES Act** funding to support emergency grants for eligible students with additional critical financial needs. The university also has limited **UMA Emergency Relief Funds** available through the generosity of alumni and community partners. Priority consideration for receipt of UMA Emergency Relief Funds will be given to students who are not eligible to receive CARES Act funding.

To apply for either the emergency CARES Act grants or UMA Emergency Relief Funds, click on the button below. The deadline for applications is **May 22, 2020**. Any emergency grant funds approved will be in addition to any previously awarded payments.

I encourage you to log in to MaineStreet, review the information carefully, and find out more about the benefits that are available to you through the CARES Act funding. Additionally, payments will be made through direct deposit, if you have set up your banking information in your MaineStreet Student Center. If not, you will be mailed a check. Please know these funds are likely to be taxable income.

UMA is committed to ensuring students receive all funding for which they may be eligible. Please contact the Office of Student Accounts if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rebecca M. Wyke, Ed.D.
President

[Emergency Fund Application](#)

If you have questions, the **Office of Student Accounts** is available at studentaccounts@maine.edu, [207-621-3131](tel:207-621-3131), or through [Live Chat](#).

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