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Email Communication to Students

TIER 1 & 2 Immediate Awards:

Dear <<First Name>>,

The disruption of campus operations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in dramatic change to academics, but also in a significant level of financial hardship for many members of our community. Colleges and universities have received emergency funding through the federal **CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)** to assist students with the personal expenses they have incurred due to the pandemic.

Rhode Island College is distributing the emergency funds to students who have the greatest demonstrated need and who meet federal eligibility guidelines. Students who have filed a 2019–20 FAFSA, and have been determined to qualify for federal aid will receive HEERF.

RIC CARES Act Funds have been posted to your Financial Aid Award Panel in your MyRIC account. Today, Monday, May 18, these funds will be issued electronically through our refunding processor BankMobile. Additional information about this process may be found at [BankMobile Refund Choices](#).

These RIC CARES Act Funds will provide emergency assistance to you. More information can be found at the [RIC CARES Act funds](#). Should you have questions or concerns about the RIC CARES Act funds, please contact the Financial Aid Office via email at financialaid@ric.edu.

Sincerely yours,

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