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Email Communication to Students

TIER 3 & Non-Filers:

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 will provide these emergency funds to students who meet federal eligibility guidelines. Students who qualify for federal financial aid, were enrolled in face to face degree seeking programs prior to the pandemic, and have incurred emergency expenses due to the move to remote learning are eligible to complete an application for assistance and will be considered for these funds.

The College has created an online application for students to fill out and apply for this aid. A Committee has been established to review applications and will consider requests on an ongoing basis until all funds are spent. Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received, on a first come first serve basis.

More information can be found at [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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Dean of Enrollment Management