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Dear WNCC Student:

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law March 27, 2020, established a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) providing emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Under guidance provided by the Department of Education, students enrolled in the Spring 2020 semester who filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and demonstrated eligibility to participate in programs under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 may receive emergency financial aid grants. Under Department of Education guidance, students enrolled exclusively in online courses prior to March 13, 2020, are not eligible for the emergency financial aid grants.

Enclosed is a check for emergency grant funds based on confirmation of eligibility to receive an HEERF grant under the guidelines established. Amounts of grants were determined based on WNCC's allocation under the CARES Act, the student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as calculated by the 2019-2020 FAFSA, and level of enrollment for the Spring 2020 semester. Emergency grant funds are intended to assist students in covering expenses incurred due to the pandemic such as food, housing, course materials, health care, child care, technology, and transportation. As directed by the Department of Education, WNCC may not use student emergency grant funds to pay any unpaid balances so no amounts due to the college have been deducted from this aid.

Questions about these funds may be directed to either the WNCC Financial Aid Office at financialaid@wncc.edu or to the WNCC Business Office at e-accounts@wncc.edu.

As the Spring 2020 academic term comes to an end, WNCC wishes to all the best of health and successful pursuit of academic goals.