



Laney College

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Dear Laney Community,

Supporting our students throughout the COVID-19 pandemic remains a priority of Laney College. We understand that students have experienced unanticipated financial hardships. I am pleased to announce that Laney College has received \$1,656,735 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, earmarked exclusively for direct financial assistance to students. These funds will be distributed to students enrolled in the spring 2020 semester on March 10, 2020. This date coincides with the Peralta Community College District decision to move to remote and online programs and instruction due to COVID-19.

Grant amounts range from \$150 to \$500 and are distributed based on enrollment status as well as a student's level of financial need as defined by the 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Applications (CADAA). Laney College also received Minority Serving Institution CARES funds and is distributing based on student identified ethnic data.

Prior to receiving the CARES funds, Laney College distributed Student Equity and Achievement emergency grants in the amount of \$500 and \$100 emergency grocery gift cards from Hunger Free Campus funds. Additionally, the college will begin to distribute emergency grants through Project Success funds based on need, further details to be released.

Eligible students receiving CARE funds will be notified directly by the Laney College Financial Aid Office.

To have been eligible for the funds, you must've met the following criteria:

- Completed a 2019-2020 FAFSA or California Dream Act Application for Laney College.
- Enrolled for the Spring 2020 semester at Laney College.
 - o If you withdrew from 100 percent of your courses prior to March 10th, 2020, you are ineligible to receive the funds. Any withdraws past this date qualify for funding.
- Enrolled in at least one on-campus course for the Spring 2020 semester.
 - o 100 percent distance learning (fully online) class loads are ineligible for funding under the provisions of the CARES Act.

If you have questions, please reach out to the Financial Aid office at (510) 464-3414 or contact your [assigned financial aid specialist](#) via email.

Sincerely,

Vicki Ferguson

Vice President of Student Services
Laney College

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