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Dear Iowa State University students,

We recognize the COVID-19 pandemic is causing significant hardships for many students and their families. I want to inform you of emergency funding opportunities now available to Iowa State students who have experienced unanticipated financial need due to the crisis.

Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Iowa State University will receive \$10.85 million in funding to assist students with expenses related to food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare. To qualify for these funds, students must:

- Demonstrate a financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- Have submitted the 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
  - Eligible students who have not filed the 2019-20 FAFSA and have not been awarded Federal Direct Loans must file a FAFSA to be considered for this assistance.

Students who do not meet these criteria may be eligible for assistance through other university resources. Generous donors have stepped up to provide support through the [#CycloneStrong](#) campaign. Iowa State has also received funding through our participation in the University Innovation Alliance.

We encourage you to fill out the [application form](#) now. Staff in the Office of Student Financial Aid will review your application to determine your eligibility from the possible resources. More information about these emergency funding opportunities is available [here](#).

We appreciate your dedication to your academic progress during these challenging times. The end of the semester is almost here. Finish strong and stay well!

Sincerely,

Wendy Wintersteen  
President

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