

## COVID-19 Communication #33

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Dear Bryn Athyn Students,

We are pleased to inform you that Bryn Athyn College has been awarded additional federal CARES Act funding through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), 2021, enacted on December 27, 2020.

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II has provided supplemental funding that will be used to provide financial aid grant awards to currently enrolled students, that can be used towards any component of their cost of attendance (COA); tuition, room & board, or for emergency costs that arise due to coronavirus, such as food, housing, technology, health care (including mental health care), or childcare.

### **What is the CARES Act Grant Award?**

The CARES Act Grant Award is an emergency grant that will be made available to eligible students to assist with expenses related to their COA and/or emergency expenses that may have arose because of the coronavirus pandemic.

### **Am I eligible to receive the CARES Act Grant Award?**

To be eligible for and receive a CARES Act Grant Award, you must meet the eligibility requirements listed below:

- Be currently enrolled for the Winter 2021 term
- Have filed a 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form
- Meet the eligibility requirements for Title IV funding as defined by the federal US Department of Education

### **What if I am not eligible for the CARES Act Grant Award but still need emergency financial assistance?**

If you are not eligible for the CARES Act Grant Award but are still in need of emergency financial assistance, we strongly encourage you to contact the Financial Aid Office.

If you have not already done so, you may do so by sending an email correspondence directly to Ms. Kim Clark, Director of Financial Aid, at [kimberly.clark@brynathyn.edu](mailto:kimberly.clark@brynathyn.edu) that provides a brief detailed summary describing your financial hardship including an itemized list of your additional/increased expenses and any supporting documentation such as statements, bills, receipts, etc.

### **How do I receive a CARES Act Grant Award?**

All students who meet the eligibility requirements as listed above will automatically be awarded a CARES Act Grant Award.

### **What will be the amount of my CARES Act Grant Award?**

Award amounts will be based on the student's estimated family contribution (EFC) as determined by their submitted 2020-2021 FAFSA form.

Award amounts will vary from a minimum of \$200 to a maximum of \$625.

### **When and how can I expect to receive a check for my CARES Act Grant Award?**

Once the confirmation process of student eligibility has been finalized over the next few days, Bryn Athyn will begin awarding and disbursing funds to students via student refund checks.

If you reside on campus your check will be placed in your student mailbox. If you are a commuter student and reside off campus your check will be postal mailed to the most current home address that is listed for you.

In the meantime, if you need to change or update your current home address to ensure your check is mailed to your correct mailing address, please contact Ms. Madeline Berger, Bursar at [madeline.berger@brynathyn.edu](mailto:madeline.berger@brynathyn.edu).

### **Do I have an option of using my CARES Act Award or a portion as a payment towards my student billing account balance due before a refund check is processed and made available to me?**

Yes, you absolutely may choose to have your CARES Act award, or a portion of your award credited to your current outstanding balance due and have any remaining funds processed as a student refund check and made available to you.

To submit your request simply contact Ms. Madeline Berger in the Bursar's Office at [madeline.berger@brynathyn.edu](mailto:madeline.berger@brynathyn.edu).

Should you have any questions and/or need clarification please let us know.

Thank you & Continue to be safe,  
Kim Clark  
Director of Financial Aid