

Hello Students,

By now, you have likely heard that the federal government has given stimulus money (CARES Act funds) to colleges across the country to provide emergency financial aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus. Please know that FSCJ is working on the plan to distribute these dollars as quickly and equitably as we can in accordance with federal guidelines. We hope to start releasing funds within the next few weeks to those who are eligible to receive them. In the meantime, it is important for you to know that in order to qualify for these funds, you must meet the following criteria:

1. You must have been enrolled in our Spring Term 2020 for at least one class that was face-to-face or hybrid and then changed to distance learning during the transition to online due to the impacts of COVID-19 and eligible for federal financial aid. If you started the Spring Term as an online student, with all classes being offered through distance learning, you are not eligible to receive student stimulus funds.
2. You must have a completed 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file with FSCJ. If you do not have a completed FAFSA on file, you may complete one now, however it is important to know that this will only allow you to be considered for stimulus fund allocations made after the completed FAFSA is received. Students must meet criteria for distribution in addition to having a FAFSA on file.

Many of you may have recently received an email from our Banking partner, BankMobile alerting you to these emergency federal funds. If you meet the federal guidelines mentioned above, your disbursement will be made through your BankMobile account. It is important for you to update your preferred delivery method for your funds. This can be done by following these steps:

- Log in to [my.fscj.edu](https://my.fscj.edu)
- Click on Students tab
- Click on Student Center
- Click on BankMobile under Finances

As soon as we have more information, we will email you again with more details.

Please know that FSCJ is here for you – whether or not you will qualify for stimulus dollars. If you have immediate needs, you can always get in touch with one of our Advisors. Advisors have access to a number of resources beyond these stimulus dollars

and may be able to assist you now. Advisors are available for virtual appointments by visiting [fscj.edu/advising](https://www.fscj.edu/advising). Please give them a chance to help.

Remember, FSCJ knows that these times have been hard on you and we genuinely care about you and your family, as well as your academic success. Do not hesitate to reach out for support when you need it.