



University of Idaho

TO: University of Idaho Students
CC: University of Idaho Faculty and Staff
FROM: Scott Green, President
DATE: May 6, 2020
SUBJECT: Eligible Students to Receive Stimulus Money

It has been an unprecedented and unbelievable spring. Who could have imagined when we returned for the Spring 2020 semester that we would finish it remotely, while experiencing a health pandemic like nothing we have ever seen? We miss our students. The Vandal Family is resilient and finding those places where we can gather together virtually as Vandals, in the classroom and through the many engagement opportunities, has kept us connected.

The change to online learning and the impact of COVID-19 on jobs, health and families is especially challenging while trying to learn, do research and prepare for the career of your choice. The University of Idaho received \$3.4 million from CARES Act Student Aid to help with some of the financial challenges you face. While I know this doesn't address every financial challenge you may be having now, I am pleased that eligible students enrolled at U of I in Spring 2020 will receive a check.

The disbursement looks like this:

Spring Semester

- On Monday, May 11, 2020, each eligible student enrolled in the spring semester (through May 2) will receive \$513.

- Guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Education define eligible students as:
 - Enrolled during the spring semester;
 - Eligible for federal financial assistance (Title IV); and
 - Not enrolled in online or dual-credit courses.
- Students are encouraged to set up direct deposit to their bank account. Checks will be distributed to students who do not have direct deposit set up.

Summer Semester

- On approximately July 17, all eligible students for the summer semester, who are registered by July 16, 2020, will receive up to \$320, an amount determined by the number of students enrolled.
- Guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Education define eligible students as:
 - Enrolled during the summer semester;
 - Eligible for federal financial assistance (Title IV); and
 - Not enrolled in online or dual-credit courses.

Unspent funds will be available to students through an appeals process with the Financial Aid Office during the Fall 2020 semester, through a process to be announced.

Students receiving CARES Act funds will be notified by email of your eligibility Wednesday, May 6, 2020. You will be asked to confirm your direct deposit information (and given instruction on how to set up direct deposit) but will not be required to apply or take any other steps.

For questions about the CARES Act funding or direct deposit please contact the Cashier's Office at 208-885-7447 and for financial aid questions contact Financial Aid office at finaid@uidaho.edu.

As the semester winds down, I want to thank each of you for your patience as we have navigated the challenges of COVID-19 and its impact on our world. I look forward to seeing everyone back on campus in the fall. We are planning to offer in-

person classes with modifications for safety and a strong plan for identifying and reacting to any upward tick in COVID-19 cases. Your safety is our priority, and we are here to support you. Thank you for your patience and determination as we worked through this unprecedented time together.

Keep Calm and Vandal On!

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