



## CSN Distributes CARES Act Funds to Students

*The federal funds are designed to help recover costs associated with the COVID-19 outbreak*

May 8, 2020 – The College of Southern Nevada has begun notifying eligible students that we will be distributing CARES Act funding this week.

The Federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act awarded a total of \$14,078,408 to CSN. Half of that – just over \$7 million – is designated as emergency aid for students who have had their semester disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

To be eligible, students must be in good academic standing, enrolled in a degree or certificate program, eligible for financial aid, a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen and not in default on federal student loans. A [full list of eligibility criteria](#) is available online. Students who were enrolled exclusively in online classes before March 13 are not eligible.

Eligible CSN students will be automatically awarded funding and do not need to apply. They will receive between \$200 and \$1,000 each, based on the number of credit hours the student was enrolled in this semester as well as their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) index.

“At CSN, we remain committed to ensuring that our students can continue their education, regardless of the challenges we are all facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” said CSN President Dr. Federico Zaragoza. “No one expects these funds to cover all expenses that students may incur, but we understand that every little bit helps. Students who still need assistance are encouraged to apply for a grant from the CSN Student Emergency Fund.”

Details on the Student Emergency Fund are available at [www.csn.edu/coronavirus](http://www.csn.edu/coronavirus).

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*About CSN: Founded in 1971, the College of Southern Nevada is the state’s largest and most diverse higher education institution. CSN is accredited through the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities and specializes in two-year degrees and workforce development that lead directly to high-demand careers or transfer to a university. It also offers seven bachelor’s degrees in specialized fields and is the state’s largest provider of adult basic education and literacy training. CSN is a Minority Serving Institution and Nevada’s first Hispanic Serving Institution. Our students create flexible schedules with day, evening and weekend classes taught on three main campuses and multiple locations throughout Southern Nevada or online. CSN is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution.*