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From:	Southeast Tech Student Affairs
Sent:	Monday, May 18, 2020 8:05 AM
To:	Noldner, Tracy
Subject:	LAST DAY TO APPLY for CARES Act Student Emergency Aid Grants!

Dear Southeast Tech Students,

APPLY TODAY for federal emergency grant funds for students! This is the last day to apply!

Due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Southeast Tech students may be eligible for Federal CARES Act Student Emergency Aid. These are grant funds and do not require repayment.

These funds are being made available to help students cover expenses related to the disruption of normal institutional operations due to COVID-19 and include expenses for food, housing, technology, healthcare, childcare.

NOTE: Lost or reduced wages are not eligible for these funds as they do not directly relate to "costs" of attendance as defined in the Higher Education Opportunity Act. We understand the challenges students face when wages are lost or reduced as a result of COVID-19. However, our understanding of the federal legislation is that you must have incurred **additional/increased** costs for food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and/or childcare expenses. If you have experienced a reduction or loss in your income as a result of COVID-19, we encourage you to contact the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation at https://dlr.sd.gov/ra/pua.aspx.

If you are NOT in the following list of ineligible students, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO APPLY TODAY at https://stinet.southeasttech.edu/ICS/Student/CARES_Fund.jnz.

Students who are not eligible for CARES funding:

- Enrolled in a dual/concurrent enrollment course(s) **OR**
- Enrolled in an Online Program on or before March 20, 2020 **OR**
- Enrolled as a non-degree seeking student (not in a program of study) **OR**
- Not in good standing with Federal Financial Aid **OR**
- Did not incur additional expenses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Note: To qualify for CARES funds, you must have completed a 2019-2020 FAFSA. If you have not filed the 2019-2020 FAFSA, go to https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa and complete the application by May 18, 2020 AND apply for CARES funds. (Southeast's school code is 008285).

Once the application is received, Southeast Tech will verify your eligibility and how much aid you will receive.

Applications must be submitted by May 18, 2020.

Funds are limited and priority will be given to those who complete their application by the deadline. Qualifying students/families may receive up to a maximum grant of $500 per student.

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