

May 28, 2020

Dear LIM Students,

LIM College has received Federal stimulus funds that Congress has made available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which established the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF).

In anticipation of receiving these funds, the College put together a plan, based on federal guidelines, to equitably distribute this assistance to LIM students in need who have been impacted financially by the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Phase I:

Following guidance from the U.S. Department of Education and as a first step to release some funds quickly, the College identified students who were enrolled <u>on-campus</u> this past spring when we moved to remote instruction and who had demonstrated financial need (based on their 2019-20 FAFSA form).

On May 26 our Vice President of Finance & Controller, Erik Paulson, sent an email notice regarding eligibility for a <a href="mailto:one-time">one-time</a> \$375 "HEERF 1" Emergency Grant Award to 863 LIM students who met these criteria. This award is intended to assist with immediate food, medical, and other basic living expenses and we are requiring completion of a simple certification form in order to release these funds. <a href="Please double-check your email to determine if you are eligible for this "HEERF 1" Award">Please double-check your email to determine if you are eligible for this "HEERF 1" Award">HEERF 1" Award</a>.

## Phase II:

Today we are opening the LIM CARES Act Application Form for additional assistance. We are calling this the "HEERF 2" Emergency Grant Award.

- LIM students who have expenses related to the disruption of the College's campus operations by COVID-19; were enrolled <u>on-campus</u> this past spring (as of March 13, 2020); and have a valid FAFSA on file for 2019-20 (or will submit one by <u>no later than June 30, 2020</u>) are eligible to apply.
- Eligible students can submit this "HEERF 2" application and certification of COVID-19 related expenses whether or not they are "HEERF 1" Award recipients. Maximum total HEERF award eligibility is up to \$4,000.

For more info on award criteria, priority considerations, and to access the application form, visit the College's new <u>CARES Act – HEERF website page</u>.

LIM College is here to help you during these challenging times and we look forward to reviewing your request for COVID-19 related assistance. Continue to stay safe and be well.

Best Regards,

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