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Dear Students

Over the past several weeks, we have heard the words “extraordinary” and “unprecedented” more times than we may remember in our lifetime. However, when describing a worldwide healthcare pandemic that has caused enormous personal and economic harm, these terms seem more than appropriate to describe what we have been witnessing across the country with the healthcare crisis caused by COVID-19.

To alleviate hardship for students in Higher Education, the Emergency Financial Aid Funds under the CARES ACT was passed by the General Assembly into legislation in Washington, DC on March 27, 2020. NLEI applied for these funds, and received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant of \$20,441. Funds will be disbursed directly to eligible students in good standing who were disrupted by COVID-19 and meet the Institution’s requirements. The Estimate of Eligible Students eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1065 are twelve students as allowed by the timeline stipulated in the federal guidelines.

NLEI’s methodology required that funds be equally distributed among all estimated eligible disrupted students meeting the institutional criteria outlined below. Funds will be disbursed up to 1,200 equally in the summer and the fall for enrolled students giving priority to those in need.

Upon completion of and submittal of the Student Emergency Funds Request Form, the funds to verified eligible students will be allocated equitably as follows:

Title IV eligible students enrolled in the Spring Semester will be eligible to receive up to \$1,200, if you have:

1. Filed or *will* file FAFSA and provide all required documentation, including Verification Application (if selected) to the Office of Student Financial Aid by 6/8/2020;
2. Been enrolled in an in-person, certificate-seeking program prior to 3/13/2020 and remained enrolled through the semester;
3. Been enrolled at half-time status or greater during Spring Semester 2020.

Title IV eligible students enrolled in Summer Semester will be eligible to receive up to an additional \$1,200, if you have:

1. Filed FAFSA and provide all required documentation, including Verification Application (if selected) to the Office of Student Financial Aid.
2. Remained enrolled through the Spring and currently enrolled in the summer.

3. Is currently enrolled at half-time status or greater during the Summer semester after the add/drop period.

The **grants may cover expenses such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child-care.** Because funding is limited, awards will be made on a first-come, first-served basis as follows:

Eligible students will be required to submit a request form to receive the grant. The [Student Emergency Assistance Grant - Request Form](#) is available via online Microsoft portal.

The emergency funds will be distributed, within two weeks of the receipt of your request form in the form of a check or ACH (you must provide bank account number to your Financial Aid contact).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elba Aranda-Suh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elba Aranda-Suh, Executive Director