Dear Eagle,

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, North Carolina Central University has established a Student Emergency Relief Fund. This fund is designated to support the highest, short-term financial needs to students currently enrolled at NCCU who are now facing extenuating circumstances related to housing, food and other vital resources.

The student must have suffered financial hardship related to the Coronavirus. Once an application is completed, it will be reviewed to determine what funds are available for the student. If approved, the student will be notified and funding received within two weeks. Applications and circumstances will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. **The deadline to submit the application is April 15, 2020.**

Please be safe by taking extra precautions to avoid spreading germs. This includes thoroughly washing hands with warm water for at least 20 seconds, disinfecting common surfaces, covering your mouth and nose when sneezing and coughing, avoid unnecessary contact such as shaking hands or giving high-fives, and staying home and away from others if sick. Preventative measures should be taken as directed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as state and local health officials.

Please click on the link below or paste in your browser:
https://www.nccu.edu/forms/covid-19-fund-application

Our Enrollment Student Success Service Units including Undergraduate Admissions, Transfer Services and Veterans Affairs, Scholarships and Student Aid, University Scholars, and the Office of the Registrar will continue to provide high quality service remotely via email and phone (where possible).

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact us as follows:
Email us at ssa@nccu.edu, please include your Banner ID#
Call the Eagle Service Center at 919-530-6180

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March 30, 2020

Dear NCCU Community:

Today, the University of North Carolina (UNC) Board of Governors held a special call meeting and UNC President Bill Roper has announced that UNC System students who paid for housing and dining will receive prorated refunds for the spring 2020 semester. NCCU administrators are working with the UNC System to develop a process on how refunds will be issued. We will provide additional information on the release of these refunds to students, parents, faculty and staff as soon as we have further information and guidance from the UNC System.

As a reminder, NCCU has established a Student Emergency Relief Fund. This fund is designated to support the highest, short-term financial needs to students currently enrolled at NCCU who are now facing extenuating circumstances related to housing, food and other vital resources. Apply online here by April 15, 2020: https://www.nccu.edu/forms/covid-19-fund-application.
We encourage our NCCU family to continue to heed the guidelines and orders issued by local, state and national health authorities as COVID-19 remains a health emergency worldwide. Be well and stay safe, Eagles!

In Truth and Service,

Johnson O. Akinleye

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April 20, 2020

Dear NCCU Community:

I hope this message finds you and your families well, and that you are observing distancing and other safety measures recommended by health officials in your communities.

The COVID-19 pandemic has indelibly changed all of us. And while we are now interacting much differently than we did over one month ago, we have remained a strong community of empathic learners, agile instructors and compassionate colleagues. Our special thoughts and prayers go out to members of our Eagle family who know someone who has been sickened by the virus and those serving on the front lines as healthcare providers or first responders.

Eagle Students: Your university family appreciates how quickly you have adjusted to vast changes, from having to leave behind campus friendships to adjusting to online courses. We continue to support you as you prepare to finish the semester, take your final exams or complete your degree program at NCCU.

Please reach out and seek all the resources that you need in order to finish strong. A list of advisors is available here. Don’t forget that James E. Shepard Library is open, virtually, for online access. Additional resources, such as NCCU Counseling Services, are also here to assist you. If you need financial support, please apply for assistance from the Student Emergency Relief Fund via myEOL.
Faculty and Staff: Your dedicated efforts and hard work have enabled NCCU’s operations to continue uninterrupted. Thank you for upholding The Eagle Promise for our students. Student success remains a key priority for NCCU, along with the safety, health and well-being of all.

I also wish to offer sincere appreciation to our Board of Trustees for their unwavering support and to thank university alumni for their care and concern for fellow Eagles, as well as their enthusiastic response, along with other donors, to our call for contributions to the NCCU Student Emergency Relief Fund.

I look forward to the day when we all physically return to the sloping hills and verdant green. However, in the meantime, stay safe and remember our pillars of “Truth and Service” that have kept this institution operating for nearly 110 years. Please listen to my message to all of you below; it is part of the #NCCUStillSoaring campaign.

As stated in the Alma Mater, written by our founder Dr. James E. Shepard’s wife, Mrs. Annie Day Shepard:

We’ve gathered here to fit our lives,
As from the darkness light revives,
So let us hail, both night and day,
Our glorious colors, Maroon and Gray.

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#NCCUStillSoaring
Dear Eagle,

The Cares Act Federal Emergency Relief Aid Funds should be released within 30 days. We will resume reviewing and awarding Emergency Funds Assistance after May 15th. Thank you for your patience. Please be safe and remain healthy.

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Click on the link to complete the survey: SSA Office Experience Survey
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CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Aid

April 30, 2020

NCCU Community:

In response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States Congress passed the CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Aid that provides $6.3 billion in direct support to institutions. North Carolina Central University was awarded $8.9 million for institution support and student assistance; there is $4,466,117 that has been designated specifically for student aid.

The university established a CARES Act Emergency Relief Aid Taskforce to review guidelines and establish criteria for disbursement of the student relief aid. Funding assistance will be offered to all students with a valid FAFSA who meet Title IV eligibility requirements to cover a student’s expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19, including, but not limited to the following:

- Food;
- Housing, such as having to move off campus when residence halls closed;
- Course materials;
- Healthcare;
- Childcare;
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Transportation, such as having to secure a flight to return home because classes were cancelled, residence halls were closed, or having to return from study abroad when the program is cancelled.

Students who are not eligible to receive funds from the CARES Act are international, DACA and exclusively online students. However, these students will be given consideration using the Student Affairs Emergency Funds and NCCU Student Emergency Relief Fund.

Students will receive funding in the following three priority areas from the CARES Act Emergency Higher Education Relief Act and will be awarded up to $1,200:

**Priority 1:**
- CARES Act Emergency Aid applicants who are Title IV eligible will receive up to $1,200.

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The nearly 6,000 Title IV recipient students who are awarded funds will receive the funds directly by direct deposit or check, however, the funds will not reduce or offset account balances. Additionally, prospective graduates who qualify and have submitted a CARES Act Emergency Aid Application will be included in the first batch of refunds. The deadline for submitting an emergency application is today, April 30, 2020. The process for awarding funds will begin immediately upon receiving the appropriation from the United States Department of Education. NCCU's goal is to disseminate the funds within three to four weeks after receipt of the funds. CARES Act Emergency Relief Aid funds will not be reserved.

For questions related to student aid from the CARES Act Emergency Relief Aid, please contact the NCCU Office of Scholarships and Student Aid at 919-530-6180 or ssa@nccu.edu.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sharon Oliver
Director, Office of Scholarship and Financial Aid
Chairperson, CARES Act Emergency Relief Aid Taskforce
*Please see the new link highlighted below for the COVID-19 Emergency Funds Request (https://www.nccu.edu/forms/covid-19-fund-application). You will need to log into myEOL. The deadline has been extended to Monday, May 4, 2020.*

**CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Aid**

May 1, 2020

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