



**IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM  
Blue Ridge Community College President  
Dr. Laura B. Leatherwood**

Federal CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds  
Available for Eligible Blue Ridge Community College Students

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May 13, 2020

Dear Blue Ridge Community College Student:

I have great news for you! **You are eligible to receive a CARES Act grant.**

We are pleased to share that Blue Ridge Community College received \$713,446 as part of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act in support of college students. This emergency relief fund provides funding to colleges across the nation to provide emergency financial aid grants to students whose lives have been disrupted, many of whom are facing financial challenges because of COVID.

Based on guidelines provided by the federal government, we have determined that you are eligible to receive a CARES Act grant. Amounts awarded to Blue Ridge students vary and will be given directly to the student by check. The amount of your grant is based on the information you provided when completing your FAFSA and your enrollment status Spring Semester. While the grant is intended to cover unexpected expenses such as an increase in utilities due to being at home more during the day; increased technology costs such as

computers, software, and Internet; additional class fees or books; and childcare, you may use the money to pay for future tuition and fees as well.

We are so pleased that these grants are available to our students, and want to make this process as easy as possible and get these monies to you quickly. Please read the following information very carefully.

### **Important Instructions for Picking Up your CARES Act Grant Check:**

- A check will be available for you on **Monday, May 18, 2020**, between **9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.** It is important for you to make arrangements to pick up your check on this date.
- **Bring a picture ID.** Checks will not be distributed without a picture ID.
- Come in person to the **designated pick up location** that aligns with your place of residence:
  - **If you live in Henderson County**, please pick up your check at the Henderson County Campus, Thomas Auditorium in the Sink Building located at 130 Eagles Reach Drive, Flat Rock, NC.
  - **If you live in Transylvania County**, please pick up your check at the Transylvania County Campus, Straus Building located at 45 Oak Park Drive, Brevard, NC.
  - **If you live in a county other than Henderson or Transylvania**, please pick up your check at the Henderson County Campus, Thomas Auditorium in the Sink Building, located at 130 Eagles Reach Drive, Flat Rock, NC.
  - **If you can't come to your designated pick up location on May 18**, you may request to have your check mailed by emailing [finaid@blueridge.edu](mailto:finaid@blueridge.edu) as soon as possible. Please include your name, student ID number, and mailing address in the email.

### **Important Safety Precautions**

In order to protect you and our employees, we are practicing social distancing. Please do not bring friends and family members with you into the building to pick up your check. When you arrive at your designated pick up location, please remain at least six feet apart from other individuals. We also encourage you to sanitize your hands frequently and wear a face covering or mask.

## **We are Here to Help**

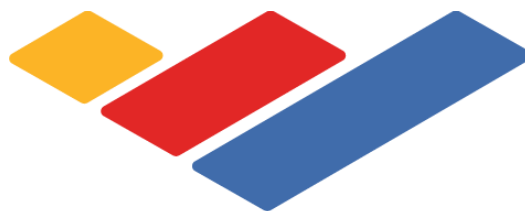
Keep in mind that Blue Ridge Community College has additional ways to help students who have been impacted by COVID-19. Do not hesitate to contact the Blue Ridge Community College Financial Aid Office about the possibility of qualifying for a **Foundation Emergency Grants** or a **Finish Line Grant**. We are also still accepting scholarship applications for the next academic year. If you have not already done so, be sure to complete your application (see the link below). We are here to help and want you to take advantage of all the resources available to you.

## **Financial Aid Office Contact Information**

Phone: (828) 694-1816    Text: (828) 600-4955    Email: [finaid@blueridge.edu](mailto:finaid@blueridge.edu)  
Apply for 2020-21 scholarships [here](#).

These are unprecedented times, but Blue Ridge Community College has risen to the challenge. We are here to help you have an elevated educational experience at Blue Ridge Community College. Take care, and stay safe.

Sincerely,  
Laura B. Leatherwood, Ed.D.  
President



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