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### **Still Time to Apply for LIM FEF Special Emergency Funds**

Since I wrote to share the news about the LIM Fashion Education Foundation (LIM FEF) Special Emergency Fund a few weeks ago, I'm pleased to share that many students have taken advantage of this resource to assist with immediate needs such as food, medicine co-pays and other basic living expenses. Please note the LIM FEF is accepting final requests for assistance from the COVID-19 **Special Emergency Fund** up until Friday, May 15.

To be considered for LIM FEF short-term financial assistance, please send an email briefly identifying your specific need(s) and how the COVID-19 emergency has impacted you to [LIMFashionEducationFoundation@limcollege.edu](mailto:LIMFashionEducationFoundation@limcollege.edu) **by no later than Friday, May 15**. All requests will be confidentially and individually reviewed as they come in.

### **New Emergency Relief Funds Application Process:**

The College has applied for and is awaiting receipt of Federal stimulus funds that Congress has made available through the **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)**. The U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) has specified that these funds be used to provide emergency grant assistance to students enrolled on-campus during the spring / Semester 2 2020 term whose education was disrupted due to the COVID-19 pandemic and as a result have related expenses. As with most government funding, there are very specific criteria that students must meet in order to be eligible to apply.

The USDOE has stipulated that students applying for these funds must:

- Have been enrolled on-campus during the Spring/Semester 2 2020 term when the College moved to remote instruction.
- Demonstrate eligibility for Federal Student Aid by having a valid FAFSA on file with LIM College for the 2019-2020 academic year.
- If you still need to file a FAFSA we request that you do so as soon as possible (but **no later than June 1, 2020**) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Upon receipt of our **CARES Act-HEERF** funds (which we anticipate within the next 2-3 weeks) the College will send out further information as well as a link to our online application and certification form. ***Funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis*** with priority consideration given to students with demonstrated financial need (on the FAFSA) as well as requests for assistance with USDOE defined covered expenses (food, housing, technology, health care, course materials, and child care).

We are hopeful that these forms of support will help alleviate some of the financial hardships that many of you may be experiencing because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please continue to stay safe and know that the College is here to do all we can to assist you during these extraordinary circumstances.