

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q: What is the CARES Act Emergency Assistance Fund?**

A: The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act is a federal program providing financial resources to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) for emergency grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. These expenses include food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and childcare. The Culinary Institute LeNotre is a recipient of CARES Act funds and as such, aims to assist as many students as possible in meeting their emergency financial needs during this challenging time.

### **Q: Who is eligible to receive assistance?**

A: Under the federal CARES Act, a student may be considered for the emergency aid grant if he/she meets the following criteria: Under U.S. Department of Education rules for the program, these funds can be awarded to undergraduate, graduate, and professional students pursuing degree programs and enrolled at Culinary Institute LeNotre, US Citizen or Legal Residence.

### **Q: What Kind of expenses are allowable?**

A: Funds can be used for food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, tuition, fees, or childcare-related expenses because of COVID-19.

### **Q: How do I know if I am eligible?**

A: CIL will notify students via email if they are eligible to receive a stipend from the CARES emergency aid fund.

### **Q: How much do I qualify for?**

A: Students that are eligible and in good standing will receive an amount based on the number of credits they are taking and available funds.

### **Q: How will I receive the grant?**

A: CIL will notify students via email of the date the disbursement will be ready to distribute and with instructions on picking up the check.

**Q: Will there be more grants?**

A: CIL has applied for additional grants available and will notify students of additional opportunities to apply for funding. If all our funding is not utilized, we will notify students of additional opportunities as they occur

**Q: Can I pay my student tuition with the grant?**

A: Funds can be used for food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, tuition, fees, or childcare-related expenses because of COVID-19. You may choose to pay your student payment with the grant, but it is not required.