Dear StudentFirstName,

The <u>CARES Emergency Financial Aid Grant Application</u> is required for students to apply for funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which allows eligible students to receive additional funding for expenses incurred as a result of the COVID-19 disruption.

- If you have already completed a 2019-2020 FAFSA and Mercer has received the results, please submit this CARES Emergency Financial Aid Grant Application which will be reviewed to determine the amount of CARES grant funds you may receive.
- If you are Title IV-eligible and have not completed a 2019-2020 FAFSA, you may still complete and submit the CARES Emergency Financial Aid Grant Application; however, if you do not complete the 2019-2020 FAFSA, we will not be able to determine need as demonstrated by the FAFSA, and your CARES payment will be equivalent to the amount received by FAFSA filers with little or no documented need. If you would like to be reviewed based on need, please use this link to complete the FAFSA (click on Apply for Aid). Your CARES Emergency Financial Aid Grant Application will be evaluated for payment based on FASFA filing status as of the deadline June 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

The link included in this email is unique to each student and can only be submitted once.

The deadline to submit your CARES Emergency Grant Fund Application is 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2020.

Best regards,
The Office of Student Financial Planning