

Dear Chabot Gladiator!

You have been awarded a Federal HEERF (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund) CARES3 Grant at Chabot College for your current enrollment in the Spring 2023 Semester. You may use these funds for expenses such as outstanding institutional charges, books, rent, groceries, parking permits, gas, etc.

We know that the past three years have been very challenging for our students and their families. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in many hardships, including the interruption of educational pursuits and loss of employment or steady income.

Federal funds were provided to the College to be distributed to students for assistance with educational expenses that were made more difficult by the COVID-19 pandemic.

You can check your student account on <u>ClassWeb</u> to see your CARES3 award. Awards were based on a valid 2022-23 FAFSA or CADAA on file with Chabot College with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of under \$100,000, at least 12 successfully completed units within the Chabot Las Positas Community College District, and a minimum enrollment of six units in the awarded semester.

Awards were prorated for less than Full Time enrollment. These semester award amounts are final, and will not be modified for changes to eligibility or enrollment.

WHAT TO DO NOW

You do not need to complete an additional application to receive these funds because your award has been determined. However, you DO NEED to select a refund preference with BankMobile, as they will distribute the refund. You have up to 90 days to respond (May 1, 2023). Awards not claimed after 90 days cannot be redisbursed, as they will be recycled to other eligible students.

If you filed a FAFSA, your funds will be available to you through your BankMobile account. If you have never activated your account to select a refund delivery method (either ACH Transfer to your existing bank or a VIBE Debit card account), please do so immediately. You may receive an email from BankMobile – it is a legitimate email, and you can trust it.

Resources to select refund preference with BankMobile:

- Click HERE for information about BankMobile.
- To get started, click <u>HERE</u> to request a

personal code.



- Click <u>HERE</u> to reset your password.
- For more help, contact the Peer Guide Support Line at 510-274-1550 (Mon – Thurs 10am – 4pm) Or chat with them HERE.
- You can also send an email to cc-finaid@chabotcollege.edu

Students who filed a <u>California Dream Application</u> (CADAA) or our International students will be mailed a check directly from our District Office, typically within two weeks of disbursement.

Please ensure your current mailing address is correct with the College. Please use this **FORM** to update your address. Incorrect mailing addresses will only result in delays in receiving your funds.

Funds not claimed within 90 days of the award will be recycled to other students.

We hope that you will find these funds helpful with any financial difficulties that resulted from the COVID-19 crisis and the transition between in-person and online classes. They are not considered to be a form of financial aid and do not impact your ability to receive other federal or state financial aid.

Federal and State Financial Aid

Please don't leave money on the table! This is a reminder to review your financial aid eligibility on the financial aid tab of Class Web. If you believe you are eligible for a grant and you have not received funds, please be sure you have submitted all required documents that are listed under 'MY ELIGIBILITY' on the Financial Aid tab of Class Web.

Also, make sure to check your academic eligibility by following the steps listed when clicking <u>HERE</u>. If you need help, please contact our office.

Chabot Financial Aid Office

Unusual Circumstances

Have you or your family been impacted financially by COVID-19 or other reasons? If you have experienced a significant decrease in 2022 income compared to the 2020 income reported on your current FAFSA or CADAA, death or divorce of spouse or parent (if you are dependent), please consider submitting a Petition for Unusual Circumstances to our office. This may allow us to make changes that will help you qualify for additional financial aid.

To be considered for Unusual Circumstances, you must first complete all of your requirements for financial aid as found on *MY ELIGIBILITY* on the Financial Aid tab of ClassWeb. Then, work with your <u>Financial Aid Advisor</u> to request a Petition for Unusual Circumstances.

We wish you continued safety and good health during these difficult times, and we hope to see you on campus.

Sincerely, The Chabot Financial Aid Office



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