

**TO:** All Current AIE Students in the United States

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**RE:** Student Application to Receive CARES Funding

The U.S. Department of Education (U.S. ED) has allocated emergency financial aid grants to educational and training institutions via the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The CARES Act authorizes institutions to distribute funding to students who document a financial need by applying for assistance.

Disbursements will be made in accordance with the regulations established by U.S. ED and with the guidelines developed by the Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE).

Students who wish to be considered for these funds MUST:

- 1. Meet eligibility requirements.
- 2. Apply for the funds to AIE by the deadline as instructed below.

Students who do not have an immediate need should not apply, allowing those who do need the funds a larger share. Please note that these funds are emergency grants <u>not</u> loans. They DO NOT have to be paid back to either the U.S. government or anyone else.

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

The Financial Aid Administrator (FAA) will identify currently enrolled students who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- a. Students who have completed the 2019-20 FAFSA application;
- b. Students who have not completed the FAFSA, but who were eligible to complete the FAFSA for the 2019-2020 academic year.

## TO APPLY:

- 1. Complete the following online application:
  - a. Lafayette Students
  - b. Seattle Students
- 2. All applications must be received by the close of business on Monday, May 18, 2020

Please address all questions to your campus's Financial Aid Administrator:

- Lafayette: Melanie Henry--- melanie.henry@aie.edu
- Seattle: Regina Graw-Crockett--- reginag@aie.edu