## Letter explaining financial hardship assistance

Big Bend Community College has emergency funding to support students with financial hardships. We want to support you with the resources and tools necessary to continue your educational journey.

This funding includes federal emergency financial aid grants funded through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES). This funding can help eligible BBCC students who have been impacted by COVID-19 to assist with expenses related to technology, course materials, or other needs related to an emergency.

If you are experiencing a financial hardship unrelated to COVID-19, you can still apply using the following application. BBCC also has emergency funding available to assist students who may not qualify for CARES/HEERF Funding.

Please use the application link below to apply for emergency funding if you are currently facing a financial hardship. This funding supports students with expenses including technology, course materials, and living expenses.

The link below will take you to a Google form. You do not need a Google email account to complete the form. You will need to provide your email address to log in. Please check your email after submitting the application as this will be the way we will communicate to you if additional information is required. Your award notification or your denial notification will also be communicated this way.

Currently, the timeline for the committee to review and award applications is 5-10 business days. If you have questions, please email CaresAct@bigbend.edu.

You can find the application at the bottom of the webpage <u>HERE</u>.