Dear Cal Maritime Cadets,

Earlier this week, the U.S. Department of Education announced the availability of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), which was established under the CARES Act. HEERF provides colleges and universities with emergency financial aid grant funding for students to cover expenses related to the disruption caused by the coronavirus outbreak. The emergency financial aid grant funding is available to college students nationwide.

Cal Maritime will receive and disburse $488,879 in emergency grant funding to cadets. Each cadet registered for the spring 2020 semester as of census day will receive $200 as an emergency financial aid grant. Cadets that have more significant financial needs, as calculated and documented in the FAFSA Expected Family Contribution and Cost of Attendance may qualify for additional funding.

To ensure you receive the emergency funding in a timely manner, you must log in to your student account in the Student Financial System to update your address.

If you have direct deposit already set up, the funds will be directly deposited to your bank account and should be available no later than the end of next week. If you have not signed up for direct deposit, we encourage you to do so. You are encouraged to enroll for Direct Deposit online through the Student Financial System (under Account click “Enroll in Direct Deposit”), as this is the most efficient way to receive your funds.

**ACTION:** Between now and Wednesday, April 29, review and update your mailing address and direct deposit information. If you have not signed up for direct deposit, you must do so between April 24 and April 29. No changes can be made after these dates.

Thank you, and be safe!

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