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### Ilisaġvik Issues COVID-19 Student Relief Funding

**UTQIAĠVIK (Barrow), AK (September 18, 2020)** – COVID-19 Student Relief Funding will be available for program-active Ilisaġvik College students, beginning Friday, September 18. This funding is for students to be applied to expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19. Funding includes internet-specific stipends for students who need assistance with internet costs related to virtual learning. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis until all funds designated are exhausted by eligible students.

**INITIAL DEADLINE TO APPLY: September 30, 2020**

**SECOND DEADLINE TO APPLY: October 31, 2020**

Eligible expenses include and are not limited to the following:

- Housing costs associated with an unplanned move, rent, security deposit, or short-term hotel costs incurred to relocate, quarantine, personal safety, etc.
- Assistance with food.
- Costs of additional equipment, course materials, software or technology to complete educational requirements via remote learning.
- Medical expenses related to COVID-19.
- Unplanned travel expenses to receive medical care and/or self-quarantine including airfare, car rental, bus or train fare, etc.
- Unplanned or additional childcare costs necessary to complete classwork.
- Emergency personal or “incidental” expenses such as clothing, hygiene items, etc.
- Safety-related needs such as change of locks, legal assistance, etc.

This funding is a combination of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) and Bureau of Indian Education funds created by Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) act, and a kind donation provided by the American Indian College Fund. To apply, visit our website at [ilisagvik.edu](http://ilisagvik.edu) or access the Financial Relief Request Form [here](#).

President Pearl Brower stated, “Having the ability to offer Student Relief Stipends to our program active students is very meaningful to us as an institution. Our students are the most important asset to our organization. Being able to provide support to each of them in a time of so much unknown is of great benefit. I want to thank the various funding sources that allow for this support. Students, make sure to get your applications in ASAP.”

For more information, please call the Financial Aid Office at (907) 852-1708 or email [fin.aid@ilisagvik.edu](mailto:fin.aid@ilisagvik.edu).

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**About Iłisaġvik College** Iłisaġvik College is Alaska's only tribal college and is located in the northernmost village in the United States, Utqiaġvik (formerly Barrow). Iłisaġvik College provides quality post-secondary academic, vocational and technical education in a learning environment that perpetuates and strengthens Iñupiat culture, language, values and traditions. It is dedicated to serving its students and developing a well-educated and trained workforce who meet the human resource needs of North Slope employers and the state of Alaska.

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