Dear Student,

Ramapo College is pleased to inform you that you have been approved to receive a CARES Act HEERF grant award. The U.S. Department of Education (DOE) stipulates this grant must be used for non-tuition related expenses such as housing, food, course materials, technology, healthcare, and childcare. Grants will be paid directly to students and will not have an impact on future financial aid allocations.

No application for this grant was necessary, as payments will be automatically processed for those who met the criteria. **You should receive your grant within two weeks.**

Grant award amounts were based on eligibility requirements and your 2021- 2022 FAFSA form. If you did not complete a FAFSA form you are still eligible to receive this grant. Eligible students are those who are newly enrolled in the spring of 2022 for at least half time status and meet the eligibility standards as defined in the regulations. Half time status is considered to be enrolled in at least 6 credits for the spring 2022 semester. The U.S. DOE outlined specific eligibility requirements that Ramapo College must follow in awarding these grants, which can be found on the CARES Act web page: [**https://www.ramapo.edu/student-accounts/cares-act-emergency**](https://www.ramapo.edu/student-accounts/cares-act-emergency)**.**

**We are strongly urging students to sign up for an electronic refund, as you will receive your grant faster than waiting for a paper check. To sign up please follow this link:**

[**https://www.ramapo.edu/student-accounts/direct-deposit**](https://www.ramapo.edu/student-accounts/direct-deposit)Grants that are paid via electronic refund will be directly deposited to the bank account that you designate. There is no charge for electronic refunds.

Please feel free to contact the Office of Financial Aid if you have any questions by calling 201-684-7495 or emailing caresact@ramapo.edu.

We wish you the best as you complete your spring of 2022 semester at Ramapo.

Sincerely,

F. Shawn O’Neill

Director of Financial Aid