



Date: April 17, 2020

To: Midland University Students

From: Jodi Benjamin, Vice President for Finance & Administration

RE: Refund and Financial Assistance Plan

Dear Midland University Students,

We have been diligently working to create the best possible relief packages for you. Thank you for your patience during this unprecedented time as we worked through many scenarios to determine how we could best support you. We are pleased to announce several opportunities for you to receive financial assistance.

Once we made the decision to move classes to a virtual environment, many of you left campus and returned home. This created a series of questions about potential refunds for room and board, fees, and other charges. We have worked diligently to explore all refund options and provide the most relief possible to you. It was important to us to reduce costs without compromising student services. These relief funds come through a variety of sources, and the funds will be distributed to those who qualify in different methods. Please read the information below carefully, and seek assistance if you have questions.

**Spring Work-Study & Campus Employment Positions (not including summer employment):**

If you had an on campus job during the spring term (either Federal work-study or campus employment), your work schedule may have been disrupted due to changes in campus operations. For students who received a paycheck on March 6, 2020 (for hours worked February 1 - 28), you will receive an additional paycheck on \*May 8, 2020 in an amount equal to twice your February gross pay (less applicable taxes).

*\*This payment is subject to the financial aid award you received for the semester. Thus amounts may be reduced if this additional payment exceeds the unearned portion of your financial aid award.*

If you earned less than \$50 in your February paycheck - you will receive a \$100 check on May 8th. Any hours worked and recorded since April 1 will also be paid to you on May 8th. All work-study or campus employment payments will be made to you in the same manner in which you received your March 6 paycheck. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to sign up for direct deposit of these funds.

As of Tuesday, April 21, all work-study and campus employment positions will be considered closed. No additional hours should be worked or recorded by students. In a few cases, exceptions may be made by the Financial Aid Office. ***If you have received an exception notification email from Financial Aid - you may continue to work and record hours.*** Any hours worked (approved by Financial Aid) in April or May will be paid in your May 8 or June 8 paychecks.

**For questions regarding work-study or campus employment please email [Koehler@midlandu.edu](mailto:Koehler@midlandu.edu)**

**Spring Room & Board Credits:**

If you paid for on campus housing for the Spring 2020 term, and/or purchased a meal plan, Midland will refund the cost savings realized by the reductions in on campus services. When evaluating your credit, please understand that there are still fixed costs associated with residential and dining services even when students move off campus. If you paid for and lived on campus during the spring term, you will be credited an amount below (assuming you moved off campus on or before April 15, 2020).

Meal Plan + Housing		7 Meals	10 Meals	15 Meals	20 Meals or 10 meals + \$500 WB
Traditional Hall		NA	\$ 1,349	\$ 1,403	\$ 1,426
Traditional Hall - Private Room		NA	\$ 1,505	\$ 1,559	\$ 1,582
Traditional Hall - Private Room - Upperclassman		NA	\$ 1,709	\$ 1,763	\$ 1,786
Dance Hall		\$ 1,077	\$ 1,349	\$ 1,403	\$ 1,426
Olson Village		\$ 1,682	\$ 1,953	\$ 2,008	\$ 2,031
Lund/Atchison		\$ 1,736	\$ 2,007	\$ 2,062	\$ 2,085

*\*Traditional Halls include Beegle, Gunderson, Augustine, Benton, and Dance Hall. The amount of your refund may vary from the above charts if you a) only purchased a meal plan and/or b) had scholarship or financial aid applied specifically to your housing or meal plans or c) had your semester charges prorated. For most students, the amounts above will apply.*

Refund amounts will be posted to your student account on or before May 1, 2020. If your refund creates a credit balance to your student account, you may request this amount be refunded to you via an ACH direct deposit (by emailing [studentbilling@midlandu.edu](mailto:studentbilling@midlandu.edu) and requesting to be placed on the refund list).

In addition, for students with an unused balance of Warrior Bucks of at least \$100, Fresh Ideas has agreed to roll forward 50% of that balance into next fall. For example, if your meal plan had \$150 of unused Warrior Bucks you will be awarded \$75 of Warrior Bucks to next fall's meal plan.

**For questions regarding spring room or board credits please email [studentbilling@midlandu.edu](mailto:studentbilling@midlandu.edu)**

**CARES Act Stimulus - Direct Payments to Students:** Per the federal stimulus package signed into law on March 27, 2020 Midland is a recipient of federal funds that are intended to be passed along to enrolled students who suffered disruption during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each institution is given the authority to determine how best to allocate these funds to its students based upon the impact to its campus. Midland is issuing the amounts below based on enrollment status of students as of March 9, 2020.

Full-Time, Fremont Campus, Undergraduate Students, living off campus: \$250

Full-Time, Fremont Campus, Undergraduate Students, living on campus: \$500

Timing of these payments will be based on when Midland has access to the federal grant money - which is anticipated to be in May. Funds will be distributed to you based upon forthcoming guidance from the Department of Education. If you qualify for these funds, you will be notified when they are available and further instructions on how to access them.

**Additional COVID19 Relief Funds:**

Additionally, there will be funds available for students (full or part-time, Fremont or Omaha location, graduate or undergraduate) who have an additional financial need because of the impact the COVID19 pandemic has had on their personal or family's financial situation. Students who need additional support should complete the COVID-19 impact survey [here](#).

At this time, the relief efforts described above represent a complete listing of COVID-19 related funds available to students. In the event additional relief opportunities become available, we will notify students promptly. Midland is committed to doing all we can to support you during these unprecedented times. Please reach out to your campus support system (coaches, directors, advisors, residence hall professionals, faculty, academic support, etc.) if you are in need of assistance of any kind.

Thank you and stay safe!

