

## **Berk Trade and Business School**

HEERF/Cares Report

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Berk Trade and Business School (BTBS) is pleased to report that the federal government has awarded the school corona virus relief funds. The purpose of these funds is to assist students at a difficult time. Funds have already been distributed to BTBS students. Funds will continue to be disbursed.

A school official will visit your class to discuss the process of applying for an award. The funds may be used for such expenses as tuition, textbook and expenses for equipment needed to participate in online classes. (The school is approved for hybrid learning – combining in-class learning with online learning.)

To date, roughly seventy students have received grants of varying sizes to assist them in dealing with the pandemic. More than \$130,000 in total grants have been distributed. Additional funds are available for distribution.

Remember that these grants are separate from Pell, student loans and SEOG and do not have to be repaid. They are not loans.

All eligible BTBS students have received grants. Eligibility relates partly to financial need. In all cases, students are expected to use the funds responsibly – so that they will be able to complete their programs of study, graduate and enter the career of their choice.

Prior to asking for funding from these grants, students are asked to complete a FAFSA. Assistance is available in filling out a FAFSA form if needed.

Students and applicants can call the school (718-729-0909) or stop by the office to discuss these grants.