

Charter Oak Cares

Emergency Relief Funds to Help You Stay Connected

You could receive \$40 towards your internet fees if the COVID-19 crisis has impacted you.



The Charter Oak State College Foundation has established a Charter Oak Cares – Emergency Relief Fund to help with the cost of your internet service.

Available to Charter Oak State College students who are enrolled in the current semester (March 2020) and have been financially impacted by the COVID19 Crisis, funds can be used as a supplement to the offers of internet and cable providers.

Students may request a one-time gift of \$40 towards internet fees by simply following the steps below:

- 1) Check the offers below from internet providers to see if the offer applies to you
- 2) If assistance is still needed - please apply for the Charter Oak Cares Emergency Relief Fund by sending an email to Foundation@charteroak.edu and include:
 - a. Student ID
 - b. Full name
 - c. Email address
 - d. Include which internet provider you currently use, for example – Comcast, Frontier, or a Verizon Hotspot.
 - e. Brief statement of how you/ your family have been financially impacted by the Covid19 Pandemic.

Please note: Funding is available on a first-come first-served basis and is limited to the first 100 students or until funds are depleted.

Helpful Information Regarding Internet Services

We realize our online community is dependent on Internet Services. Therefore, we wanted to share the following information with our Charter Oak students, faculty and staff.

- [Spectrum](#) is offering free Wi-Fi to students for 60 days call 1.844.488.8395

- [Comcast](#) is also offering free Wi-Fi for 60 days to new low-income families as well as opening their Xfinity Wi-Fi hotspots to everyone for free. Also, Comcast offers affordable internet for eligible households - <https://www.internetessentials.com/our-mission>.
- [Altice](#) through Optimum and Suddenlink is offering free internet connectivity for 60 days.
- Optimum is also offering access through their special [Wi-Fi hotspots](#) SSID: optimumwifiemergency. Call the numbers below for further information on getting internet at your home.
 - 866.200.9522 to enroll in Optimum region
 - 888.633.0030 to enroll in Suddenlink region
- [AT&T](#) is also offering public access to their Wi-Fi Hotspots for free. They are also offering internet access for qualifying limited income households at \$10 a month through our Access from AT&T program.

Emergency Relief through the Student Crisis Fund

Through the Student Crisis Fund, the COSC Foundation in collaboration with the Student Association, provides emergency relief when unforeseen financial obstacles hinder your ability to continue your education.

During this time the Student Crisis Fund will also be used for other needs, with priority given to seniors.

If you are a senior and finding it difficult to continue your education due to a financial obstacle, please email foundation@charteroak.edu with your request and someone will be in touch.

Though funds are limited, the Foundation is dedicated to helping our students with their educational endeavors and continues to work for the good of the Charter Oak State College student community.

Please know that Charter Oak Cares!

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