

Student Emergency Fund Guidelines

The Student Emergency Fund was created to help students with financial assistance in a serious time of need. This fund is intended to be a supplemental financial resource when students are unable to meet immediate and essential expenses because of a temporary hardship surrounding situations such as accidents, illness, death of a family member, fire damage or need for temporary housing. Students may apply for funds when they have exhausted all other resources. All other resources, including loans through the Office of Financial Aid, have been considered and are insufficient, unavailable, or not available in a timely manner. This funding is not intended to replace or supplement existing financial aid and does not have to be repaid.

The spirit of this funding is primarily to support emergency circumstances and priority is given to students in the highest financial need tiers. Please note that all funds are raised from donations and grants from faculty, staff, and the local community to help students in need and therefore must be limited. **Funding is usually limited to \$500.00 per year and most grants are under \$300.00.** Students who are still enrolled a year after their first emergency funding is awarded may be eligible to apply again, providing a full year has passed. Please note the President's Office may not be able to fulfill all requests.

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES CAREFULLY

Examples of qualifying needs include, but are not limited to:

- To minimize immediate critical needs of students caused by acute financial burden.
- Financial support for unusual or unforeseen medical expenses such as emergency medical, dental, vision procedures, and insurance copays.
- Support for temporary housing, and/or other essential needs such as food, due to displacement by fire or another unforeseen environmental hazard.
- Support shelter for a student in a dangerous situation due to acts of violence or other victimization.
- Housing and Transportation Taxes, i.e., car taxes, properties taxes, water, and sewer.
- Transportation costs that need to be met to maintain a student's current academic enrollment status.

Case by Case Based:

- Phones
- Computer replacement due to negligence
- Car repairs

Expenses not covered by the Student Emergency Fund include:

- Parking tickets, library fines, or other expenses mistakenly incurred or preventable expenses
- Income Taxes
- Alcohol and drug related offenses, fines, and court fees, etc.
- Normal and anticipated academic expenses already covered through financial aid (tuition, fees, and books/materials)

- Student conferences
- Credit collections or expenditures resulting from poor financial management.

If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to Ruth E Gonzalez, PhD, LPC – Director of Student Development at rgonzalez@nwcc.edu or 860.738.6315. Dr. Gonzalez is located on the 1st Floor at 56 Park Place E (Goulet House).