

Financial Hardship Process

Students in need of emergency financial assistance are encouraged to meet with a member of the Student Affairs staff, who can assist you in completing the brief Financial Hardship Form.

Completed applications are reviewed by members of the Emergency Fund Advisory Committee, made up from a cross-departmental membership. A member of the committee will respond to emergency application submissions within 48 hours of receipt.

The maximum emergency aid allocation to a student will be \$1,000 per year. Most requests range from \$300–\$500 depending on the situation. Generally, payment is made to vendors or another third party (e.g., landlord, medical provider, airline) and not to the student. Payment will be distributed as soon as possible but will depend upon many factors, including whether that vendor is available to the College accounts payable system. In limited cases, payment may be made directly to the student.

Funds disbursed through the Emergency Fund may affect the students' aid package. The Emergency Fund is not a substitute for financial aid. Students who are seeking funding will be required to utilize all offered financial aid resources before being awarded emergency aid. The Office of Financial Aid will work directly with emergency aid applicants to determine the effect of the award, if any, on their aid.