Student Emergency Fund

The Student Emergency Fund is made possible by the generous donations of UT Austin students at the Party on the Plaza and Spring Into Giving events, and by alumni, Texas Parents, faculty and staff support of the Hearts of Texas Campaign. The fund provides limited financial assistance to students who are unable to meet immediate, essential expenses because of temporary hardship related to an emergency situation. Average award amounts range from $25–$250 per student. Some funds are counted as income and are therefore subject to federal taxes.

Types of Covered Expenses
A range of incidents may cause financial hardships. Typical expenses that may be covered include, but are not limited to:

- Medications/Prescriptions or costs related to medical care
- Assistance with rent or utilities due to emergency situation
- Books, fees or other school-related expenses
- Safety related needs (i.e., changing a lock on vehicle or home)
- Replacement of personal belongings due to fire or natural disaster

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be a currently enrolled student at The University of Texas at Austin and have temporary financial hardship resulting from an emergency situation.
- Other possible resources have been considered and are not available or insufficient
- Be able to provide sufficient documentation of financial hardship

Application Procedure

- For more information and to schedule an appointment, contact Student Emergency Services at 512-471-5017 or http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/emergency/appointment_form.php.
- Complete an application and bring appropriate documentation to your meeting with Student Emergency Services staff.
- If approved, you will be notified of the fund amount and the money will be deposited in your account (if this option is available). Alternatively, a check will be available for pick-up from the Office of the Dean of Students.

Staff Discretion

Decisions regarding distribution of monies from the Student Emergency Fund will be made on a case-by-case basis, and will be made by Student Emergency Services staff.

Questions

For more information about the Student Emergency Fund contact Student Emergency Services at 512-471-5017 or visit http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/studentemergencyfund.php.

Additional Resources/Referrals

Visit http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/emergency/ for a list of campus and community resources.
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Applicant’s Name ______________________________ UT EID __________________

Current Address ____________________________________________ Date of request __________________

Telephone ______________________ E-mail Address ____________________________

Check any items with which you need assistance:

☐ Personal effects (e.g., clothing, shoes, toiletries)
☐ General household (e.g., bedding, furniture, dishes, utensils)
☐ Textbooks and school supplies (e.g., books, class packets, paper)
☐ Food
☐ Bills (e.g., electric, phone, medical)
☐ Other immediate needs (e.g., medication, medical devices)

Please specify __________________________

To help us better understand your situation, please answer the following:

1. Do you have housing? ☐ No ☐ Yes, temporary (renting) ☐ Yes, long-term
2. Do you currently have any relatives living with you?
   a. ☐ No
   b. ☐ Yes, my partner and/or children
   c. ☐ Yes, my parents and/or siblings
   d. ☐ Yes, relatives outside of my immediate family
3. If you answered b, c, or d above, are you sole provider (e.g., source of income)? ☐ No ☐ Yes
4. Are you currently employed? ☐ Yes (How many hours) ________ ☐ No
5. What other agencies or organizations have you applied to for assistance?

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In your own words, please describe your situation. Provide any other information you feel may be relevant (use back of form if necessary).

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Please return completed form to the Office of Dean Students, Student Services Building (SSB) 4.104.