



## SMU Student Emergency Fund

The SMU Student Emergency Fund may be available to currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students who experience unexpected or unforeseen circumstances that lead to financial hardship. Students should make every effort to exhaust all other available resources prior to applying for the fund. If funds are granted, they do not need to be repaid.

### *Expenses that could be covered the Student Emergency Fund*

The Student Emergency Fund is designed for expenses *outside of tuition and fees*, including but not limited to:

- Books and other essential academic expenses
- Prescriptions and other costs related to emergency medical care
- Rent, utilities, or other household essentials
- Travel costs associated with the death or illness of a family member
- Temporary housing needs
- Replacement of essential personal belongings following an emergency situation

### *Eligibility*

Currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students with an immediate financial hardship related to an emergency, accident, or unexpected critical incident can apply for Student Emergency Funding. Students should exhaust other available resources prior to application to the fund. In most cases, students can only access the Student Emergency Fund one time.

### *Application Process*

Students who have an unexpected financial hardship can start the application process by [submitting a CCC](#). Once the CCC submission is received, the student will receive a Student Emergency Fund application link. The application should be completed in full and students must provide documentation to support the request. Please note that incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

The Student Emergency Fund committee, which includes staff from the Office of Student Support, Parent and Family Programs, and Financial Aid, will review a student's emergency funding request and the student will be notified of the decision and any subsequent next steps within 5-7 business days.

\*\*The Student Emergency Fund would not be made possible without the generous support of the SMU community's donations. If you are interested in giving to this fund, please click here: <https://mustangcrowdfunding.smu.edu/>