EMERGENCY GRANTS

DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE
FORWARD SCHOLARS EMERGENCY GRANT

- Emergencies and unusual circumstances arise in student’s lives. These circumstances can hinder student’s ability to achieve their academic goals.
- Emergency funding will assist students to persist in school
ELIGIBILITY

• Current undergraduate or graduate student
• Enrolled at least half time
• In good academic standing
• Undergraduate GPA 2.0/Graduate GPA 3.0
• No current disciplinary holds
• Must exhaust all other financial resources including UWM and community resources
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• Intended for emergencies where students need inexpensive items that significantly assist in their academic success

• Up to $500

• Awarded within 48 hours

• Paid to 3rd party

• Covered expenses may include:
  – Travel expenses due to the death of a family members
  – Books and course materials
  – Short-term housing
  – Food and basic hygiene supplies
  – Funds for medical care
  – Rent/emergency car repairs
EXAMPLES OF EXPENSES NOT COVERED

- Expenses that are covered by an available campus and/or community resources
- Non-essential utilities (i.e. cell phone, internet, cable bill)
- Tickets and/or fines
- Credit card bills
- Entertainment, recreation, and non-emergency travel
- Non essential items lost in fire, theft, etc.
APPLICATION PROCESS: EMERGENCY GRANT

• Grant application is posted on Dean of Students Office websites. Students may get a paper application if they come to the office.
• [http://uwm.edu/deanofstudents/](http://uwm.edu/deanofstudents/)
• Student is scheduled to meet with an Assistant/Associate Dean.
• Staff consults with Financial Aid.
• Staff meets with student to determine eligibility and assist student in finding additional campus and community resources. (for larger awards, DOS will seek support from advisor & FA)
  – Approved applicants will receive funds within 48 hours of completed application.
  – Payment typically made to 3rd party.
  – Student signs agreement to understand tax implications
  – Student signs agreement to participate in appropriate follow up meetings/resources
• DOS Staff follows up with student
HOW YOU CAN HELP

• Recognize when students are financially struggling.
• Refer students to the website for emergency funding information.
• Refer students to the Dean of Students Office to begin support.
• Call Dean of Students Office if you are uncertain about how to proceed.
• Participate in on-going support and outreach with students if we inform you of students with need.
• Let us know if you are aware of additional resources/possible school/college/departmental support.