



**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/>
- 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.

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