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**Roberto Hernández Center**  
**Latino Student Fund**  
**Emergency Scholarship Application**

**Purpose**  
The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Roberto Hernández Center (RHC) has established the **Latino Student Fund** as a source of emergency funding for currently enrolled Latino/a/x students who face unexpected expenses that affect their continued pursuit of an undergraduate degree. The overall goal of the Latino Student Fund is to increase the number of Latino/a/x students successfully graduating from UWM.

**Eligibility Requirements**

- Must have successfully completed at least one semester at UWM (at least half-time/6 credits)
- Currently enrolled undergraduate Latino/a/x student at UWM (at least half-time/6 credits)
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.2
- Emergency financial need; Applicants **must demonstrate** that the need:
  - Can be documented or verified by a third party,
  - Threatens the student’s continued enrollment at UWM, and
  - If alleviated, will likely prevent the student from dropping out.
- Open to all US Citizens, DACA Recipients, and Undocumented Students

**Terms**

Recipients of Emergency Scholarship must agree to the following terms:

- To provide adequate documentation that the funds were used to meet the emergency need **within two weeks** of award disbursement
- To meet with a Roberto Hernández Center Professional Staff
- To apply for any available financial aid for which they may be eligible (FAFSA, scholarships, etc.)
- If receiving FAFSA, to meet with an Advisor from the Department of Financial Aid

The maximum amount of an Emergency Scholarship is $500. Applicants who have been awarded an Emergency Scholarship in the past are not eligible to apply again. The number and value of Emergency Scholarships awarded annually is subject to the availability of funds and the number of eligible recipients.

**Application Process**

Applications are available at the Roberto Hernández Center, Bolton Hall, Room 183 and online at [www.rhc.uwm.edu](http://www.rhc.uwm.edu).

Applications may be submitted at any time. A Selection Committee comprised of three members of the Roberto Hernández Center Advisory Committee will review applications and respond as soon as possible.

Submit completed applications, including all relevant documentation, to: Alberto J. Maldonado, Director, at the Roberto Hernández Center, Bolton Hall, Room 183.

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Please be advised that receipt of an Emergency Scholarship can be interpreted as **taxable income**. If you are awarded money through an Emergency Scholarship, you may receive a 1099 form at the end of the year indicating that the amount of your award is being counted as part of your income. If this occurs, you will be responsible for reporting that income to the IRS.

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