Emergency Fund Policies and Procedures (Revised February 2016)

The Foundation at South Seattle College (SSC) provides Emergency Funds to support student success, retention and completion by assisting the removal of financial barriers students may encounter. The program targets students ready to succeed except for unanticipated financial barriers. The Emergency Fund process is an educational opportunity in which applicants gain awareness of planning for success. Available funding is limited per quarter.

Emergency Funds are a one-time-only award for:
- Tuition, fees, and/or required textbooks

Note: Textbooks purchased for students will be obtained in collaboration with Cultural Center Textbook Lending Program.

Student Eligibility Guidelines:
- The process requests students to consider and review their financial plan for college, educational pathway, career goals, and other financial resources.
- The award is not intended to substitute for the regular Foundation scholarship process or the Financial Aid (FAFSA/WASFA) process. Students who did not meet the Financial Aid deadline are not eligible.
- SAP – Students not meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress with Financial Aid may or may not be eligible. Please inquire with an Emergency Fund Committee member to discuss your circumstances.
- Emergency Fund awards for BAS degree students are only 50% of tuition.
- Students must:
  - Be eligible for in-state tuition rates or out-of-state tuition waiver.
  - Have achieved a minimum of 12 credits earned at SSC.
  - Have a GPA of 2.0 or higher at SSC (verified by copy of a Degree Audit).
  - Be pursuing, at SSC, their first certificate or degree, or enrolled in a BAS program.
  - Have plans to earn a Financial Aid-eligible academic or professional-technical certificate or degree at SCC.
  - Have no registration holds, fines, or outstanding college-related debt.
  - Have a plan to pay for the remaining costs of their college education.

Application and Awarding Process:
1. Student makes appointment with Emergency Fund Committee member (see below).
2. At the appointment, the student provides a completed application with required supporting documentation.
3. Committee member reviews application with student.
4. If eligible, committee member signs application recommending approval, then forwards application to co-chairs for review and placing of Hold on student’s registration.
5. Co-chairs make final awarding decision with priority given to students nearing completion of their program of study.
6. If approved, co-chair will forward application to the Foundation for final approval and processing.
7. Applicants will be notified by co-chair via e-mail or phone of the application outcome.
8. If not approved, the Hold previously placed on the applicant’s registration will be removed two business days after the student is notified.

Emergency Funds Committee Members (by appointment only)
- Marilyn Anderson-Burt, Ass’t Registrar, Enrollment Services, marilyn.anderson-burt@seattlecolleges.edu, 934-5144
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- Eden Tullis, Program Coordinator, Student Life, eden.tullis@seattlecolleges.edu, 934-5861
Recommended Actions:

- Attend Financial Workshops: [www.southseattle.edu/financial](http://www.southseattle.edu/financial) or copies available at the Info Desk in RSB lobby
- Apply for Foundation Scholarships: [www.southseattle.edu/foundation/support](http://www.southseattle.edu/foundation/support)
- Complete an Educational Plan with an advisor or counselor: [http://www.southseattle.edu/advising/educational-planning.aspx](http://www.southseattle.edu/advising/educational-planning.aspx)
- If you are close to completing your certificate or degree, complete a graduation application and meet with a Completion Coach: [www.southseattle.edu/graduation](http://www.southseattle.edu/graduation) or southcompletion@seattlecolleges.edu

Emergency Fund Application follows on next page:
Emergency Fund Application

Instructions:

- Please keep the *Emergency Fund Policies and Procedures* page with *Recommended Actions* for your reference.
- Answer each application question as thoroughly as possible, including the final message to donors.
- Attach supporting documents (see checklist below).
- Make appointment with a committee member.

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Please answer all questions below:

- **Have you completed your application for Financial Aid (including the FAFSA or WASFA)?**

- **Have you received your award letter from Financial Aid?**

If you answered “No” above, please check any of the following that apply:

- [ ] Did you not achieve Satisfactory Academic Progress with Financial Aid?
- [ ] Other (please explain in your request on the following page)

- **Have you previously received Emergency Funds from SSC?**

- **Are you working toward a first certificate/degree or enrolled in the BAS degree at SSC?**

- **Have you completed at least 12 credits with a GPA of 2.0 or higher from SSC?**

- **Do you understand that any textbooks obtained through this fund will need to be returned to the Cultural Center Lending Library?**

- **Do you have any outstanding SSC debt or holds on registration or transcripts?**

- **Do you qualify for in state tuition rates or out of state tuition waiver?**

Checklist – Attach copies of all support documentation:

- Copy of your current quarter registration (available from SSC Homepage – MySouth)
- Copy of SSC student ID card
- Copy of your Degree Audit (available from SSC Homepage – MySouth)
- Copy of your Financial Aid Portal information (available from SSC Homepage – MySouth)
- If requesting textbooks, copy of SSC Bookstore textbooks and costs (available from SSC Homepage)
- Register for a SALT account at [www.saltmoney.org/south](http://www.saltmoney.org/south) (Login during your meeting with a committee member)
Please respond to all of the following questions and attach any additional documentation.

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### Student Agreement:

By signing below, I certify that the information on this application is true and correct.

Student Signature ________________________________ Date __________________

### Committee Members’ signature recommends awarding of Emergency Funds:

Committee Member: ___________________________________________________________ Date: ______________

Committee Co-Chair: __________________________________________________________ Date: ______________

Associate Vice President of College Relations & Advancement:

__________________________________________________________ Date: ______________
Emergency Funds

Foundation donors welcome student words regarding how Emergency Fund awards impact academic progress and goals. In the space provide below, please put in writing a brief, personal message of appreciation to the donors. The Emergency Funds Committee will detach and submit your comments separately from your application. Your signature is optional.

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