

Division of Student Affairs



Student Emergency Fund

The Student Emergency Fund provides support to CU Boulder students experiencing a crisis related to COVID-19 that could adversely affect their semester. The funds are limited and not intended to provide ongoing relief for recurring expenses. Not all applications will be approved, even if a student meets the eligibility criteria. Students may contact deanofstudents@colorado.edu with questions.

Final Semester to Apply for COVID-19 Emergency Grant

Spring will be the last semester to apply for and receive a federal COVID-19 Emergency Grant provided through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). Federal funding has been exhausted and additional funds are not expected for future semesters. The deadline to apply for spring is Friday, March 4, at 11:59 p.m. There are [other funding options](#) you can consider, including applying for financial aid and accepting any offered federal loans.

Emergency Fund Amounts

Emergency funding is provided in the form of a grant that does not need to be repaid. The value of the grant will vary according to needs of the student. The limit is \$2,000 for students who have filed a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) and up to \$500 for students who have not filed a FAFSA.

What expenses can be covered through the Student Emergency Fund?

- Technology costs such as a laptop, internet, router, or software.
 - Assistance with tuition, books and supplies.
 - Assistance with housing or food insecurity.
 - Mental health or counseling costs that exceed campus services.
 - Child care costs necessary to complete classwork.
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What expenses are not covered by the Student Emergency Fund?

- Personal expenses that are not caused by an emergency situation
 - Credit card debts
 - Penalties, fines, parking or other tickets
 - Nonessential expenses
 - Expenses due to a lack of planning or overspending
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Eligibility Requirements

- You must be currently experiencing an emergency as a result of COVID-19.
- Federal Pell Grant recipients will be given priority as well as students with exceptional financial need.
- International students and students with ASSET/DACA status are eligible to apply.
- You must be an enrolled, degree-seeking, continuing undergraduate, graduate or professional student at CU Boulder.
- You must be enrolled in at least one credit hour during the term for which you are applying (i.e. enrolled in summer course to get summer emergency funds)
- You must not be on academic suspension, behavioral probation or suspension.

You are strongly encouraged to complete the 2021-2022 [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#).

Dates & Deadlines

- Spring 2022 application will close **March 4 at 11:59 p.m.**
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How to Apply

- Complete the [Student Emergency Fund application](#).
- Indicate the expense assistance is requested for, explain how the expense constitutes an

emergency.

- Students will be notified of the status of their application generally within seven business days.

Apply for Funds

How the Grant is Paid

Emergency grants are paid through the student billing process directly to the student. The grant cannot be held on the student account for future charges. Direct deposit is the fastest and easiest way for students to receive their emergency funds. Set up direct deposit in Buff Portal ([see instructions](#)) if you have not already done so or verify that your banking information is still correct. Without direct deposit, a paper check will be mailed to the student, which may take several weeks.

Students should be aware that emergency funding may be taxable and counted as estimated financial aid for future terms.

If you are a faculty or staff member employed by CU Boulder, and your primary reason for being at CU Boulder is for work, you should apply through the [Faculty Staff Emergency Fund](#).

All applicants should note references pertaining to discrimination; harassment; sexual misconduct or intimate partner abuse and stalking, disclosed in this application or accompanying documentation may be required to be disclosed to the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC), Title IX Coordinator or designee. Confidential assistance for those experiencing these is available through the Office of Victim's Assistance (OVA) or Counseling & Psychiatric Services (CAPS) or Ombuds Office.

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