



Student Emergency Fund Guidelines

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The purpose of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy Student Emergency Fund (UMSOP-SEF) is to provide limited, financial assistance to currently enrolled students at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP) who have unexpected emergency expenses, particularly in situations of crisis, such as illness, the death of a family member, medical emergency, or the need for emergency housing, food or transportation.

General Guidelines:

1. Award amounts will not exceed \$500 per student and are only awarded once.
2. Decisions regarding disbursement of funds are made on a case-by-case basis by the Office of the Dean. Please note that the Office of the Dean may not be able to fulfill all requests.
3. Awards do not require repayments.
4. A financial award may be considered taxable income and/or part of a student's financial aid package.
5. Students should also consult with student financial aid on the impact of their financial aid package in receiving an award.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicants must be currently enrolled at UMSOP during the semester they are seeking financial assistance.
2. Applicants must be in good academic standing and free from disciplinary probation.
3. Applicants must not have an outstanding balance with the University.
4. Applicants must have a nonrecurring financial hardship resulting from a sudden emergency, accident, or unforeseen event that has to be addressed right away. No reasonably anticipated expense will be considered a financial hardship.
5. Other possible financial resources must have been exhausted and deemed insufficient or not available in a timely manner.
6. Applicants must be able to provide any and all requested documentation.

The UMSOP-SEF cannot be used to cover any of the following expenses:

1. Tuition, lab fees, health insurance, study abroad costs
2. Parking tickets and other university-imposed fines
3. Application or test fees
4. Costs for entertainment, recreation, non-emergency travel (e.g., Study Abroad) or other non-essential expenses

Application Process:

1. Students must complete the online application.
2. Provide documentation of the financial hardship
3. Requests are reviewed on a case by case basis. The Office of Student Affairs may not be able to fulfill all requests.

Applications for the UMSOP-SEF will be reviewed to determine eligibility, and applicants may be required to meet (on-line or via phone call) with a representative from your respective program.