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To: GRADUATECOLLEGE@LISTSERV.UTRGV.EDU

Subject: Student Life and Dean of Students offers a Student Emergency Fund!

Dear Vaqueros,

The **Student Life and Dean of Students** offers a [Student Emergency Fund](#).

The purpose of the Student Emergency Fund is to provide limited, last resort, financial assistance to currently enrolled students who are experiencing a sudden emergency, accident, or unforeseen event that requires additional emergency monetary assistance in order to support their ability to stay enrolled and focused on their academic career.

Award Amount: Award amounts may vary and are only awarded once per year. Decisions regarding disbursement of funds are made on a case-by-case basis. Awards do not require repayments.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be currently enrolled at UTRGV during the semester they seek financial assistance. (Dual enrollment, concurrent enrollment, and transient students are not eligible to apply).
- Applicants must be in good academic standing (2.0 GPA for undergraduate, 3.0 GPA for graduate and professional students) and free from disciplinary probation.
- Applicants must have a nonrecurring emergency, accident or unforeseen event that has to be taken care of right away.
- The student's capability to attend The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) must somehow be in jeopardy due to the emergency.
- Other possible financial resources must have been considered and deemed insufficient or not available in a timely manner.
- Applicants must be able to provide any and all requested documentation.
- Preference will be given to first time applicants.

The Student Emergency Fund CANNOT be used to cover any of the following expenses:

- Tuition, lab fees, health insurance, study abroad costs
- Anticipated expenses, such as credit card payments
- Parking tickets and other university-imposed fines
- Non-essential utilities, (i.e. cable, Internet, phone)
- Application or test fees
- Household costs not related to damage or theft
- Costs for entertainment, recreation, non-emergency travel (e.g. Study Abroad) or other non-essential expenses
- Expenditures occurred as a result of poor financial management and not an emergency
- Medical expenses needed for a family member or friend of the student requesting services

Application Process

Applicants will need to provide the following information:

1. Reason for the request,
2. A detailed description of how funds would be used,
3. How these unexpected expenses affect the student's ability to remain enrolled at UTRGV, and
4. Include applicable documentation related to the request.

To apply, [click here](#).

For more information, please contact the Dean of Student's office at 956-665-2260, 956-882-5141 or send an email to dos@utrgv.edu

Sincerely,

The Graduate College

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