

Veteran Student Emergency Fund Application

The Veteran Student Emergency Fund is intended to provide immediate financial assistance to veteran students attending a Los Rios college who are involved in an emergency situation. The purpose of the program is to assist students who are temporarily in need so that their continued academic progress towards a certificate, degree or transfer is not adversely affected by the emergency. All awards are contingent upon the availability of limited funds, provided through a generous donation from the Wells Fargo Foundation.

There are a variety of resources available to a student in an emergency situation. Please also visit your Veteran Resource Center, Financial Aid or Student Services office for more information on the types of services that may be available to you.

Student Emergency Fund Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must have a temporary need resulting from an emergency event and must be able to provide sufficient documentation indicating that the situation meets this requirement.
- Applicants must be in “Good Standing” and must have a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher OR be a new student who has completed benefits paperwork and enrolled in courses.
- Applicants must have identified and made progress toward an academic goal (student may not be on academic probation of any kind).
- Applicants must be currently enrolled in at least 6 units at a Los Rios college.
- Applicants with more than 60 units will not be considered.
- Other possible resources (such as insurance, financial aid or funding from other service organizations) must have been considered and have been found to be unavailable or insufficient. Please show evidence or address in questions, if applicable.
- A maximum of one award will be allowed to any one student during all combined enrollments at Los Rios colleges.
- Because this is not, nor is it intended to be, ongoing support, a plan should be included in application that demonstrates that the student will be able to move successfully forward following an award.
- Exceptions to these guidelines will be considered on a case by case scenario.

Types of Covered Expenses

Typical emergency-situation expenses that may be covered include but are not limited to:

- Travel costs related to sudden death or illness in the immediate family.
- Safety related needs (i.e. changing a lock on a vehicle or home).
- Replacement of personal belongings due to fire, natural disaster or theft (not covered by insurance or other agency).
- Costs related to medical care (not covered by insurance or other agency).

- Class, lab related expenses.

Types of Expenses not Covered

- Health insurance, study abroad costs.
- Non-essential utilities, entertainment, recreation, or other non-essential expenses.
- Debt, fines or restitution owed from criminal or civil court cases.

Application Procedure

Applications are available from:

American River College: Student Support Services (Kolleen Ostgaard)

Cosumnes River College: Student Support Center (Chad Funk)

Folsom Lake College: Veteran Resource Center

Sacramento City College: Veteran Resource Center (Jake Kattan).

1. Return the completed application to the office from which it was obtained.
2. The college office will forward the completed application packet to the Los Rios Foundation, where it will be reviewed by the awards committee.
3. The applicant will be notified by email of the committee's decision; usually within 5 days of receipt by the Foundation.
4. If an award is made, a check will be forwarded to the appropriate college business office for pick up by the student, or to the appropriate agency (such as the bookstore) if payment is made directly to a third party.

Please note: All money distributed from the Student Emergency Fund is considered a grant to the student; some funds may be counted as income and may be subject to state and federal taxes.



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Applicants Name _____ Date _____

Anticipated Graduation Date _____ Campus of Primary Attendance _____

Units Currently Enrolled _____ E-Mail Address _____
(E-mail is the primary means of communication)

Current Street Address _____
(Include City and Zip Code)

Student ID # _____

Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

1. Are you a current or veteran member of the armed services? Yes No
2. Are you currently receiving Federal Financial Aid? Yes No
3. Are you currently enrolled in and receiving cash aid from EOPS/CARE Yes No
4. Are you or your children currently on CalWORKs/TANF? Yes No
5. Have you previously applied for a grant from the Los Rios Foundation Student Emergency Fund? Yes No
 - a. If yes, did you receive any money in the form of a grant to you? Yes No
6. Provide detailed description of the emergency. Answer should demonstrate student's ability to move successfully forward following an award. In addition, other possible resources (such as insurance, financial aid or funding from other service organizations) must have been considered and have been found to be unavailable or insufficient. (Attach additional page if needed)

7. What would funding be used for? **Must include** itemized description with prices, amounts, payment due dates and other pertinent information. **MUST** attach documentation -- examples: an itemized bill or estimate, a police or fire report indicating items, doctor's note, etc.

Total Amount Requested: \$_____

8. Do you have housing? Yes No. Temporary or Long-Term.
9. What is your marital status as of today? Married Single/divorced Widowed
10. Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you? Yes No
11. Do you have dependents other than your children/spouse who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you? Yes No. If yes, who and how many? _____
12. If you answered "yes" above, are you the sole provider of income? Yes No
13. Are you currently employed Yes No. If yes, how many hours a week do you work? ___ If no, please explain why:

Attach a copy of your most recent transcript showing current enrollment. Must be currently enrolled in at least six units and must have a total of no more than 60 units. Student must be in good academic standing, be making satisfactory academic progress, and have at least a 2.0 GPA. Exceptions will be made for 1st time students. **(Required)**

Attach documentation of emergency (a police or fire report, doctor's note, death certificate, etc.); AND documentation of costs associated with the emergency (rental agreement, an itemized bill or estimate from a locksmith or car mechanic, travel receipts, used textbook prices, etc.) **(Required)**

Must have valid DD214 on file with college's Admissions/Records or other proof of service in the armed forces. A copy can be submitted with your application or you can ask an employee of the Veteran's Resource Center or Admissions and Records to sign here:

I certify that I have reviewed this student's proof of service: _____

Staff Signature

Attach documentation that provides any other information that you feel the committee should know. Examples include: Educational Plan, letter of support from faculty or staff.
(Optional)

PLEASE READ AND SIGN

Once you have filled out the application including appropriate documentation, please return it to your campus point of contact (this should be the same office that provided the form to you).

By signing this form you are giving the Emergency Fund Committee and the campus point of contact consent to communicate with any referenced faculty member, or any other student services or financial aid services program that you may or may not be eligible for. If necessary, you will be contacted for further information or asked to provide additional documentation. After the necessary members of the Student Emergency Fund Committee review the application, you will immediately be notified of the committee's decision. Checks will be available for pick-up from the servicing campus Business Services Office.

Signature: _____ *Date:* _____
Signature of Applicant