



## **Emergency Grant Eligibility Policy**

### **Overview**

The Emergency Grant provides financial assistance to currently enrolled students at California State University, Bakersfield who are experiencing unexpected financial hardships that could impact their ability to continue their education. This grant is designed to help students cover urgent, essential expenses that are critical for their academic success.

To be considered for the Emergency Grant, students must meet the following criteria:

#### **1. Enrollment Status**

- a. Must be a currently enrolled student at California State University, Bakersfield.
- b. Must be enrolled at least half-time (6+ units for undergraduates, 3+ units for graduate and doctorate students) during the semester in which assistance is requested.

#### **2. Good Disciplinary Standing**

- a. Must be in good disciplinary standing with the university.
- b. This means the student must not be on disciplinary probation, suspension, or subject to active conduct sanctions that affect their eligibility for university programs.
- c. Students with prior disciplinary concerns may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, depending on the nature and timing of the violation.

#### **3. Financial Hardship**

- a. Must be facing an unexpected financial hardship that could negatively impact academic success, such as:
  - i. Transportation issues (e.g., car repairs, emergency travel expenses).
  - ii. Medical expenses (e.g., urgent medical bills, prescriptions not covered by insurance).
  - iii. Unexpected loss of income affecting basic needs.
  - iv. Essential academic expenses (e.g., replacing stolen/damaged academic materials).
- b. Must provide documentation of financial hardship, such as a repair invoice, medical bill, job termination notice, or other proof of emergency.

#### **4. Financial Aid & Cost of Attendance (COA) Consideration**

- a. Students' eligibility is contingent upon the remaining room for resources in their financial aid package.

**5. Recipient Responsibilities**

- a. Students approved for the Emergency Grant must fulfill the following requirements to maintain their eligibility:
  - i. **Ongoing Communication:** Must maintain consistent communication with the designated support staff to develop a plan for financial stability.
  - ii. **Provide Proper Payment Documentation** (e.g., invoice, receipt).
  - iii. **Additional Documentation:** Must provide any additional documentation requested to verify ongoing need or confirm compliance with the grant's terms.

**6. Exclusions**

- a. Students who have no room in their Cost of Attendance from their financial aid package for additional resources may be ineligible unless an adjustment can be made.
- b. Grants are limited to once per academic year. Students who have already received a grant and apply for the same or different grant in the same academic year may be ineligible.

**7. Award Amount**

- a. Grant amounts will vary based on need and available funding
- b. Limited funding is available, and applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis