



Eviction Protection Grant Eligibility Policy

Overview

The Eviction Protection Grant provides emergency financial assistance to eligible students at California State University, Bakersfield who are facing eviction due to financial hardship. This grant is intended to help prevent homelessness and support students in maintaining stable housing.

Eligibility 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. Housing Status

- a. Must be currently housed ON- or OFF-campus
- b. Must provide documentation of current residence, such as a lease agreement, rental receipt, or housing verification letter from the landlord.

4. Facing Eviction

- a. Must provide official documentation of an eviction notice, such as:
 - i. A formal eviction notice from the landlord or property manager.
 - ii. A past-due rent notice showing the amount owed and deadline for payment.
 - iii. Legal notices related to eviction proceedings.

5. Financial Hardship

- a. Demonstrate financial need and an inability to pay rent due to unforeseen circumstances, such as:

- i. Loss of income or job
 - ii. Medical emergency or unexpected expenses
 - iii. Other crisis situations affecting financial stability
- b. provide supporting documentation (e.g., termination letter, pay stubs, medical bills, or a written explanation of hardship).

6. Financial Aid & Cost of Attendance (COA) Consideration

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

7. 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

8. 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.

9. 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