

# GCA Emergency Funding Request Guidelines

Emergency funding provides **short-term financial relief** for students facing unexpected situations that could disrupt their ability to stay enrolled. Students should review the guidelines below before [submitting an application](#).

## Appropriate Requests

Include but are not limited to:

- Sudden medical or health-related expenses
- Natural disaster or significant property loss
- Personal or family crisis requiring immediate support
- Unexpected housing instability
- Sudden loss of income that directly affects enrollment

These situations should be **unplanned, time-sensitive, and likely to interfere with a student's academic progress** if not addressed quickly.

## Inappropriate Requests

Include but are not limited to:

- Routine living costs that occur every month
- Purchases or expenses that are not tied to an immediate crisis
- Academic or personal costs that can be anticipated in advance
- Situations resulting from general financial mismanagement rather than an unexpected event

If the situation does not involve an **immediate, unexpected barrier to remaining enrolled**, it is unlikely to qualify.

## Processing Timeline

- Applications are reviewed within **10 business days**.
- Students will receive an **email notification** once a decision is made.
- Additional documentation may be requested if needed.
- Submission does not guarantee funding.