**Triton Emergency Fund**

The Triton Emergency Fund is administered by the Division of Student Affairs to help provide UMSL students with immediate financial support when urgent and emergency situations put their continued education at risk. We are currently positioning this fund to be responsive to the COVID-19 crisis and impact on our students as they navigate lost wages and income as well as the transition to remote learning and coursework.

The goal of this fund is to prevent one small emergency or unexpected expense from derailing a student’s progress toward degree completion. Funds may be provided only when sufficient funding is available. Applicants may be contacted by a case manager from UMSL Student Social Services to further discuss the details of their application and their needs.

- Funds must directly support the individual student’s critical, basic needs.
- Funds may only be received by an individual student once.
- All other financial resources must be exhausted before application to Triton Emergency Fund.
- Submission to the Triton Emergency Fund is not a guarantee that funds will be received.
- Approval is determined based on eligibility, supporting documentation and funding availability.
- Funds will be available in the amount of $500 or less based on need*

**Minimum Qualifications of Applicant**

- Is a currently enrolled as an UMSL student;
- Has not have previously received financial assistance through this fund;
- Has a demonstrated immediate financial hardship resulting from an emergency or other unexpected critical incident that has a direct and foreseeable impact on the student's ability to continue their education;
- Has demonstrated a good faith effort to explore other funding options (e.g. insurance, free or low-cost services available, relatives, SFA, etc.); case manager can assist
• Has exhausted other financial resources as determined by the Office of Student Financial Aid (i.e. has not exceeded maximum budget allowances, has utilized other financial aid opportunities);
• Has submitted a complete TEF application form; and
• Has provided documentation of an expense which is unexpected, unforeseen, and urgent

Emergency Needs Considered
• Food, baby formula
• Rental assistance or other emergency housing expenses
• Essential utilities
• Safety and security needs (e.g. changing locks, moving costs)
• Essential vehicle repair
• Other financial needs arising from an unexpected emergency or extenuating circumstances will be evaluated on an individualized basis.

Expenses Not Covered
• Tuition and fees, or related account balances
• Insurance
• Non-essential utilities (i.e. cable)
• Loss of items or furniture unrelated to damage or theft
• Costs of entertainment, recreation, or non-emergency travel
• Legal counsel and fees
• Parking tickets
• Other anticipated expenses