



# George Snow Scholarship Emergency Fund Information



## Objective of Fund

To provide a resource for current Snow Scholars, whereby they can apply for financial assistance which will help them manage unexpected hardships and challenges during their educational careers.

## Application and Disbursement Process

- Rolling applications will be accepted throughout the calendar year.
- Applications will be available on our website or by calling the Scholarship Fund.
- The committee will make every effort to act on each application as quickly as possible.
- Decisions to assist students will be based on established criteria, need and funding available at the time of application.
- Payment of grant will be made directly to the company or institution which is the provider of the service.
- Students may be reimbursed for expenses in special situations where the expenses needed to be paid immediately up front.  
**This is NOT the preferred method of disbursement and is discouraged.**
  - Examples:
    - A scholar may need emergency medical treatment that required payment at the time the services were rendered.
    - A scholar may have to pay for travel to tend to a dire family emergency or to attend the funeral of a family member and may not have time to apply for a grant from the Fund prior to the travel date.
- Presentation of receipts and/or invoices will be required prior to payment of grant.

## Program Criteria

It is important that an applicant understand the intent of the Emergency Fund before applying for funding.

- Application should be made only by individuals with verifiable situations.
- Funding will be based on financial need.

Situations that might qualify for support include:

- Health-related issues with a Scholar.
- Purchase or repair of essential textbooks and school supplies that were stolen or damaged.
- Need for travel to meet an unexpected emergency. Examples include travel for the student's medical treatment, attendance of a dire family medical emergency or family funeral.
- Opportunity for a Scholar to participate in a program which would **SUBSTANTIALLY** enhance that Scholar's career opportunities.
  - Examples:
    - Funding to assist with essential living expenses related to unpaid internships that are directly related to a scholar's course of study and/or career path such as an unpaid internship for a Scholar majoring in Medicine with a prestigious medical research individual or institution.
    - Funding for summer school courses which are, required for graduation, but are not available to the Scholar during the regular school year.

Situations that most likely would **NOT** qualify for support include:

- Opportunity to participate in any school program or extracurricular activity (sanctioned or unsanctioned) that does **NOT** **SUBSTANTIALLY** enhance that Scholar's career opportunities.
  - Examples:
    - Study Abroad programs
    - Awards to assist programs **NOT** directly related to a scholar's course of study and/or career path.
    - Funding for activities such as travel to competitions or events **NOT** directly related to a scholar's course of study and/or career path.
- Any situation where assistance would merely postpone a long-term inability to adequately address the need.

If the Review Committee questions whether a request meets the abovementioned criteria, the underwriters of the Emergency Fund may be contacted to advise the Review Committee on the suitability of the request for funding.