Dreamkeepers Emergency Aid Guidelines

The Dreamkeepers program provides assistance to students at risk of dropping out of college due to unexpected financial emergencies. This assistance was created to help students stay in college and meet their educational goals, ultimately securing a better financial future.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES INCLUDE:	INELIGIBLE EXPENSES INCLUDE:
Child care	Books
Food/Meals	Entertainment expenses
Gas	Fees
Housing/Rent	Fines
Medical/Dental Expenses	Legal Fees
Personal automobile expenses	Required tools & equipment (Not allowable based on guidelines)
Public transportation	Supplies
Utilities	Tuition

ELIGIBILITY

Students may receive only one emergency grant through this program per academic year of no more than $500.

Eligible students need to be:
- Enrolled in at least 6 credits
- Degree seeking
- In good standing with a cumulative GPA 2.0 or above
- Able to provide documentation of the unforeseen financial emergency (mechanic estimate, child care bill)

Students that do not meet these minimum qualifications will be denied.

The student must also meet with a Student Achievement Specialist (SAS). The SAS can connect the Student with other helpful College and community resources.

Assistance is granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability or national origin.

APPLICATION PROCESS
Students will meet with a SAS to discuss their situation and find out if the Dreamkeepers Emergency Aid is right for them. **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (bills, estimates, etc.) ARE REQUIRED AND MUST BE UPLOADED AT THE TIME OF THE APPLICATION**

STUDENT'S STATEMENT OF NEED:
Students must provide a Statement of Need explaining why they are requesting emergency funding at this time.

Be sure to include:
- What lead up to this situation?
- How will you use these funds?
- What have you done to try to meet your current need?
- What will you do if you do not receive this funding?
- Please be as detailed as possible. Your response should be at least 10 sentences. The more information you can provide the better.

WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU'VE APPLIED
Once the student and SAS have submitted the online application, it will be reviewed by staff in the Student Services office. The student will be notified by email of the decision.   If approved for funding, in most cases payment will be made payable to a third party (paying students directly is prohibited). Payment type will be determined by the College on a case-by-case basis. In most cases, award payments will be available within 2 business days.

Incomplete applications will be deleted after 4 business days.