

COVID-19 STUDENT RELIEF FUND

In response to the nationwide COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, Wenatchee Valley College is working hard to meet the unique needs of students on an individual basis and is taking immediate action to ensure safety and retention of our students. The COVID-19 Student Relief Fund is a federal fund program designed to help enrolled students facing temporary financial hardship related to the COVID -19 public health crisis with limited emergency assistance. Please use this application only for those financial hardships and expenses directly related to COVID-19 to notify us of how we can support your continued success at Wenatchee Valley College.

Student Relief Award Criteria

Student relief funds are for limited emergency financial support to currently enrolled students who are unable to meet essential expenses due to a temporary or unexpected hardship related to COVID - 19.

The maximum amount awarded generally does not exceed a total of \$2,100. Decisions regarding disbursement of funds are made on a case-by-case basis. Awards are not considered loans and do not require repayment. Some funds may be considered income and are therefore subject to federal taxes. Check with your tax specialist.

Types of Expenses That May Be Considered

Examples of expenses that may be considered for funding include:

- Utilities
- Car repairs or emergency transportation
- School-related expenses, including , technology needs, laptops, internet service, textbooks
- Safety-related needs
- Emergency temporary lodging if you find yourself homeless or in an unsafe situation
- Temporary food insecurity
- Emergency medical treatment/medication/prescriptions when you do not have the ability to pay and the costs cannot be covered by insurance
- Travel expenses to return home in the case of a sudden family death or other emergency
- Inability to pay tuition and fees due to loss of employment that is COVID 19 related

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be currently enrolled students at Wenatchee Valley College. Continuing education students are not eligible.
- All other resources, including Student Financial Aid, will be considered to meet the requested need prior to providing relief funds.
- Must meet citizenship or non-citizenship eligibility for federal financial aid. If not eligible, you may qualify for assistance through the WVC counseling office. Please contact them at 509 682 6850 or by email at Bsanchez@wvc.edu or Rpoortinga@wvc.edu.

Applying for Funding

Emergency funding is limited. All eligible students are encouraged to complete a Federal Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA) for both 2019-2020 and if attending fall 2020, the 2020-2021 FAFSA. The FAFSA is available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. (Although the COVID relief funds are not available to undocumented students, you may qualify for state funds by completing the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) at <https://readysetgrad.wa.gov/wasfa>)

To apply for COVID relief funding, you must complete the COVID-19 Student Relief Form. You will be asked to describe your circumstances and how COVID-19 has affected your ability to cover your cost. You may also be asked to provide supporting documentation to verify your need.

Wenatchee Valley College Non-discrimination Statement

Wenatchee Valley College is committed to a policy of equal opportunity in employment and student enrollment. All programs are free from discrimination and harassment against any person because of race, creed, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a service animal by a person with a disability, age, parental status or families with children, marital status, religion, genetic information, honorably discharged veteran or military status or any other prohibited basis per RCW 49.60.030, 040 and other federal and laws and regulations, or participation in the complaint process.

The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies and Title IX compliance for both the Wenatchee and Omak campuses:

- To report discrimination or harassment: Title IX Coordinator, Wenatchi Hall 2322M, (509) 682-6445, title9@wvc.edu.
- To request disability accommodations: Student Access Coordinator, Wenatchi Hall 2133, (509) 682-6854, TTY/TTD: dial 711, sas@wvc.edu.

Wenatchee Valley College Declaraciones de no discriminación

Wenatchee Valley College está comprometido a una política de igualdad de oportunidades en el empleo y la matriculación de estudiantes. Todos los programas están libres de discriminación y acoso contra cualquier persona debido a raza, credo, color, origen nacional o étnico, sexo, orientación sexual, identidad o expresión de género, la presencia de cualquier discapacidad sensorial, mental o física, o el uso de un animal de servicio por una persona con discapacidad, edad, estatus o familias con niños, estado civil, religión, información genética, veterano descargado honorablemente o estatus militar o cualquier otra base prohibida por el RCW 49.60.030, 040 y otras leyes y reglamentos federales, o participación en el proceso de queja.

Las siguientes personas han sido designadas para atender consultas sobre las políticas de no discriminación y el cumplimiento del Título IX para los campus de Wenatchee y Omak:

- Para denunciar discriminación o acoso: Coordinador del Título IX, Wenatchi Hall 2322M, (509) 682-6445, title9@wvc.edu.
- Para solicitar adaptaciones para discapacitados: Coordinador de acceso estudiantil, Wenatchi Hall 2133, (509) 682-6854, TTY/TTD: marque 711, sas@wvc.edu