



SPH Student Emergency Relief Fund Policy Office of Student Affairs

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This fund provides financial assistance to SPH students who have **been denied** funds from the University Student Emergency Fund. The [University Student Emergency Fund](#) provides assistance to students who have been significantly affected by an unexpected catastrophic event. The fund supports students who are left with financial difficulties that can affect both their personal and academic lives. Please use the following link to apply for funding.

Through the Student Emergency Relief Fund, the UNC Gillings School assists SPH students by providing financial support when they need assistance with **unexpected emergency expenses** surrounding situations such as accidents, illness, death of a family member, fire damage or need for temporary housing.

This funding is not intended to replace or supplement existing financial aid and does not have to be repaid.

Application Process

Students who have **been denied** funding are required to submit documentation to the SPH Office of Student Affairs from the University Dean of Students Office. The SPH Student Emergency Relief Fund Committee reviews the submitted applications and determines the appropriate funding amount.

Funds are distributed within an average range of \$250 to \$500 if funds are available. The committee will review applications requesting in excess of \$500 for unusual circumstances of emergency financial need. Applicants may be required to meet with a staff member in the SPH Office of Student Affairs to discuss their application.

Types of Expenses Covered

The SPH Student Emergency Relief Fund covers several types of expenses related to an unexpected catastrophic event. The follow list offers examples of expenses covered:

- Rent, utilities, and other essential household expenses
- Medications and other costs related to medical care
- Books and other essential academic expenses
- Safety needs (i.e. changing a lock)
- Replacement of personal belongings due to fire, theft, or natural disaster
- Travel costs related to a death or illness in the immediate family

Expenses Not Covered

The follow list offers examples of expenses NOT covered:

- Tuition, fees, health insurance, and study abroad costs
- Non-essential utilities (i.e. cable), household, or furniture costs not related to damage or theft
- Parking tickets
- Costs for entertainment, recreation, non-emergency travel or other non-essential expenses

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must have a financial hardship resulting from an emergency, accident, or other unplanned event.
- Applicants must be currently matriculated in a degree or certificate program in the UNC SPH.
- All other resources must have been considered and are insufficient, unavailable, or not available in a timely manner.

More information

To inquire about or apply for these supplemental funds, please contact Charletta Sims Evans, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at 919-966-0064, sph-osa@unc.edu, or in 263 Rosenau Hall.