



Gillings School of Global Public Health Student Emergency Relief Fund Office of Student Affairs

The Gillings School of Global Public Health Student Emergency Relief Fund typically provides financial assistance to Gillings students who **have been denied** funds from the University Student Emergency Fund, unless there are extraordinary statewide or global disruptions occurring over a short or long period which impact students' ability to cope using their own resources. 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.

Through the Student Emergency Relief Fund, the UNC Gillings School assists 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 does not have to be repaid. Per UNC policy, payments will be disbursed to the student's account by the University Cashier's Office. Funds will be applied to any outstanding charges or balances on the student account before a refund is generated.

Application Process

Students who **have been denied** funding are required to submit documentation to the Gillings Office of Student Affairs from the University Dean of Students Office. The 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 Office of Student Affairs to discuss their application. [Complete an application](#) to be considered for our Gillings School of Global Public Health Student Emergency Relief funds.

Types of Expenses Covered

The Gillings School of Global Public Health Student Emergency Relief Fund covers several types of expenses related to an unexpected catastrophic event. The following 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 following 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 Gillings School of Global Public Health.
- All other resources must have been considered and are insufficient, unavailable, or not available in a timely manner.

More information

To inquire about these supplemental funds, please contact Jenna Keith at 919-843-2644, jmkeith@email.unc.edu, or in 264 Rosenau Hall.