

About the Scholar Assistance Fund at Sachs Foundation

The Sachs Foundation is committed to supporting scholars throughout their educational journey. Unexpected or emergency circumstances can create barriers to student achievement, and we want to help you along the way.

If unexpected circumstances related to housing, utilities, food, or transportation prevent you from succeeding in your studies, we want to help. Sachs Scholars (Undergraduate and Graduate) may <u>submit an application</u> to receive up to \$500 per academic year in emergency assistance funds to the Sachs Foundation at any point during the duration of their scholarship.

Who can receive Scholar Emergency Assistance?

To qualify for Scholar Assistance funding, Scholars must meet the following criteria:

- Be in good standing
- Be enrolled full-time
- Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher

Scholar assistance funds are intended for emergency use and may be awarded for housing, utilities, food, or transportation that will allow scholars to persist in their studies. No student shall be given any funding directly for personal use or for additional tuition support. Reimbursements are provided on a case-by-case basis with adequate documentation (receipt and/or invoice required).

What Qualifies as Scholar Assistance?

Housing | Rent, move-in fees or dorm holding fees (on-campus): Submit your lease agreement with your application & <u>inform us</u> on your roommate circumstance; A prorated amount will be provided.

Utilities | Water, gas, and electricity costs: Provide roommate circumstance and your portion of the bill.

Transportation | Assistance will be given upon approval for airfare for scholars only to their designated campus, airfare for scholars to return to their home address, car repair (mechanic invoice needed), public transportation fare and campus parking fees. No other assistance or transportation-related expenses will be given.

Food | Assistance will be given upon approval in the form of a gift card mailed to the scholar's address on file to the nearest grocery store with fresh groceries.

College-Related Costs | Items not covered already by your scholarship; essential supplies: If submitting books, we require a statement from your Financial Aid office stating that these are not considered part of your cost of attendance and can be covered under your scholarship.



How Do I Apply for Scholar Assistance Funds?

- 1. Log in to Sachs website (Sachs Foundation Login Screen)
- 2. Go to the Scholar Assistance Fund Application Page and click "Apply."

Please Note, Before You Apply:

If it is possible for you to reach out to us first about your emergency expenses, we can pay for your items. If this is not an option, documentation (receipts and invoices) is required to process your application.

For Dorm Room Items

Dorm room items can only be covered if requested and purchased through the Sachs Foundation's Amazon account. For dorm room items, submit a wish list (noting the email address of Program Administrator, Brook Sklenar, brook@sachsfoundation.org) and provide the physical mailing address for the items to be delivered. We do not cover personal hygiene and/or clothing items.

What to Expect After You Apply

Once your application is approved and the emergency expense documentation is submitted, please allow 2 weeks for your check to arrive.

Let 2.5 weeks pass before you reach out to us via email in case if mail carrier delays. If it is an expense with a deadline or needs to be rushed, please be sure to share that in your request – we will do our best to accommodate this.

Additional Resources

Utilities Assistance Resources

- Internet for All (internet service) Home | Internet for All
- United Way dial 2-1-1; LEAP, utilities assistance <u>Colorado Low-income Energy Assistance</u> Program (LEAP) | Colorado Department of Human Services.

Your college or university's Student Affairs Office, as well as community organizations local to you may have additional resources to assist you. Reach out to your counselor for more information.