

Anoka Technical College Foundation Crisis Grant Guidelines



The Anoka Technical College crisis grant program was developed to support students in a financial crisis by providing short-term assistance with essential needs. This is a discretionary fund made possible by donations from private donors, college faculty and staff, community partners, and students.

- Crisis grants are provided to assist students whose ability to continue attending school will be affected by a financial crisis. Examples of a financial crisis include transportation or housing issues, outstanding essential bills, and unmet basic needs. Crisis grants are for non-academic expenses and cannot be used for tuition, academic supplies, or books.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled in 6 or more credits. Applicants are encouraged to meet with the Completion and Success Coach, Jason Twombly, or the College Counselor, Erica Stene Winkler, for assistance with the application process and for guidance regarding their request.
- Verification of enrollment status, academic standing, and financial aid status will be obtained and considered in the review process. Applications may not be reviewed until after the fifth business day of the term (after the add/drop period).
- The applicant should explore alternative crisis funding, including accessing community and county support services, prior to applying. Community resources or alternative funding options may be suggested during the crisis grant application intake session.
- Applicants who have not accessed available financial aid loans, explored alternative funding options, or met satisfactory academic progress standards may have limited crisis grant eligibility.
- Crisis grants are not cash assistance. Rather, in the case of an approved application, a student may be provided with store credit for an essential need (e.g., food or gas) or funds may be applied directly to an outstanding bill. Due to limited funds, larger crisis grant amounts may be limited to students who have demonstrated previous semesters of academic success and progress in their academic program.
- The maximum amount that a student may receive in a 12-month period is \$500. On rare occasions, students with dependents who have demonstrated previous semesters of academic success and have limited loan eligibility may be eligible to apply for an extreme crisis grant of up to \$1000. Due to limited resources, only one to three extreme crisis grants are typically approved per year for the entire institution.
- Decisions regarding crisis grant funding are made with consideration to the student's situation, information gathered in the application process, and the availability of funds.

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