SWC CARES EMERGENCY GRANT
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Who is eligible to apply?

Student must be enrolled and attending classes in the current term to be eligible. All students – credit, non-credit, domestic, international, or undocumented – are eligible to apply.

What are the criteria to qualify?

To qualify for SWC Cares Emergency Grant, at a minimum, you must:

- Be currently attending classes at Southwestern College.
- Must be experiencing an unexpected financial emergency
- Submit a complete application, which includes uploaded documentation of your financial emergency

What qualifies as a financial emergency?

Qualifying emergencies include, but are not limited to:

- inability to pay rent/mortgage or utilities
- childcare needs
- medical emergencies
- other qualifying emergencies

How do I apply?

You can apply online by completing the SWC Cares Emergency Grant application. Visit the SWC Cares page for the application link.

What should I expect after I apply?

Applications will be reviewed on a weekly basis until funds are exhausted. We anticipate a large influx of applications and will do our best to process the applications in a timely
manner. Please allow up to 3 weeks for us to process your grant. You will be notified of your SWC Cares Emergency grant status via your school email.

**How often can I apply?**

The lifetime maximum amount a student can receive from the SWC Emergency Cares grant is $500. If a student receives the maximum amount in one semester, the student is not eligible to apply for the grant in future semesters.

**How much will I receive?**

We cannot guarantee that all applications submitted will be eligible for funding. The maximum a student can request is $500. Students must submit a completed application and supporting documents for the grant amount requested. Grant amounts will be determined by review committee based on the number of applications received and the specific needs presented in the application.

**How do I receive the money?**

SWC Cares Emergency grants can be mailed to student’s address as listed on their My SWC accounts or picked up at the SWC Cares Office located at 16-105 on the Chula Vista Campus. Students indicate pick up or mail out on their SWC Cares Emergency Grant applications.

**What other resources are available to help with financial emergencies?**

For assistance with completing FAFSA or Dream Act application, the Southwestern College Office of Financial Aid is now hosting special Zoom virtual workshops where financial aid professionals will be available to help you complete your FAFSA or Dream Act application. **Workshops are held on Thursdays from 11am to 1pm.** To sign up, please log into MySWC and register via the [Zoom Meeting Sign up form](#).

Many community college students are eligible for public benefits that can help pay for food, healthcare, childcare and more. SWC Cares Basic Needs Specialists are able to connect you to these community resources and other campus assistance. To receive additional support from the SWC Cares program, please complete the [Basic Needs Request Form](#) to request assistance.