USMH Student Emergency Fund

The purpose of the USMH Student Emergency Assistance Fund (SEAF) is to provide limited, financial assistance to currently enrolled students who are experiencing a serious financial hardship due to a sudden or unforeseen event that requires additional emergency monetary assistance.

1. Award amounts cannot exceed $1,000.00 per student and are only awarded once.
2. Decisions regarding disbursement of funds are made on a case-by-case basis by the Executive Director, Coordinator of Student Services, Director of Advancement and Outreach and One (1) advisory board member.
3. Awards do not require repayments.
4. A financial award may be considered taxable income and/or part of a student’s financial aid package.
5. Students should also consult with student financial aid on the impact of their financial aid package in receiving an award.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a program offered at USMH during the semester they are seeking financial assistance, or fully enrolled and in good standing in the subsequent semester they are seeking assistance.
2. Applicants must have a nonrecurring financial hardship resulting from a sudden emergency, accident, or unforeseen event that has to be addressed right away.
3. Other possible financial resources must have been exhausted and deemed insufficient or not available in a timely manner.

The SEAF cannot be used to cover any of the following expenses:

1. Tuition, lab fees, health insurance, study abroad costs
2. Parking tickets and other university-imposed fines
3. Application or test fees
4. Costs for entertainment, recreation, non-emergency travel (e.g., Study Abroad) or other non-essential expenses

Application Process:

1. Students must complete the online application.
2. Requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Applications will be reviewed to determine eligibility, and applicants may be required to meet (online or via phone call) with one or more reviewers.