

Yale School of Medicine

Student Emergency Aid Fund

The Yale School of Medicine (YSM) Student Emergency Aid Fund is designed to provide short-term financial assistance to students enrolled in the MD, MD/PhD, Physician Associate (PA), and Physician Assistant (PA) Online programs who are struggling with unanticipated or emergency financial situations.

Unlike a loan, students are not expected to repay awards from the Student Emergency Aid Fund.

A Student Emergency Fund Committee, composed of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and the Directors of the MD/PhD, Physician Associate, and Physician Assistant Online Programs, or their designees, will administer the fund.

Possible reasons to apply for the Student Emergency Aid Fund:

- Support for temporary housing, and/or other essential needs such as food, due to displacement by fire, safety concerns, or other unforeseen event. (Note: students who are experiencing food and/or housing insecurity may also be referred to the Financial Aid Office as deemed appropriate)
- Travel costs associated with a personal or family emergency, crisis, or death
- Unforeseen or unusually high medical expenses

The list above is not exhaustive. However, the following situations are not eligible for support from this fund:

- Tuition, fees, and living expenses (as outlined in the MD, MD/PhD, PA, or PA Online programs “Cost of Attendance”)
- Expenses related to conferences/professional development
- Non-essential expenses (e.g., library fines, gym membership, etc.)

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled in the YSM MD, MD/PhD, PA, or PA Online program
- Have demonstrated financial need
- Show financial hardship due to an unanticipated or emergency event
- Complete the application and provide supporting documentation

Application Process

- To apply for emergency funding, the applicant should contact the Student Emergency Fund Committee member from their program, by email
- The applicant should use the subject line "YSM Student Emergency Fund Request" and detail their request in the text section of the email
- Supporting documentation should be attached to the email

Every effort will be made to review requests in a timely fashion. Applicants will be contacted by a committee member to set up a time to discuss the request.

YSM works to maintain privacy, but information from your request may be shared internally on a need-to-know basis.

Review Process

The Student Emergency Fund Committee will review and decide whether to approve each request. The following factors will be considered in the review process:

- The specific and immediate impacts the emergency is having on the student's well-being and academic progress
- The nature and urgency of the emergency and the totality of the student's hardships
- Other resources or support that the student may have available to them (for example, students with unused loan funds will be provided with borrowing options first)
- Information provided by third parties (e.g. advocates or advisor) at the student's request that may help to illuminate and clarify the student's situation

Please note that awards through this fund may be considered income and subject to federal tax regulations.

If a student who receives an award decides they want to replenish the fund, they are permitted to do so. However, we emphasize there is no requirement to do so.

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