

AUBURN

Division of Student Affairs

Student Success Funds

General Referral Guidelines

The purpose of this fund is to provide support to students with financial hardships that negatively impact their academic success and retention at Auburn University. Financial hardships may include, but are not limited to, providing food, clothing, shelter, living expenses, academic fees, medical expenses, and/ or transportation costs.

1. The student must be currently enrolled and attending classes at Auburn University.
2. The student cannot owe money to Auburn University.
3. The financial hardship must have a direct impact on the student's academic success and/or retention at Auburn University.
4. The student can be awarded Student Success Funds one (1) time during their academic career.
5. Funds are used to pay for onetime expenses. Student Success Funds are not appropriate for students who need ongoing assistance with expenses such as, rent, utilities, tuition, or medication.
6. Typically, the student's financial hardship is unforeseen and the student was unable to plan for the expense.

Examples of cases where Student Success Funds have been used:

1. *Unforeseen class fees, co-op fees, or textbooks that the student was unable to budget for and/or afford.*
2. *Clothing expense for job / professional school interview.*
3. *Car repair for a student who worked off campus and needed to maintain their employment to pay for tuition.*

If a student meets the general referral guidelines list above, they should be referred to the Division of Student Affairs (DoSA) Case Manager (Katherine Hettinger) to set up a meeting time to discuss their financial hardship and complete a Student Success Fund Request Form. The Case Manager, along with the DoSA Director of Development (Kurt Sasser) and Executive Director of Student Financial Services (Mike Reynolds), will determine if the student's case meets the qualifications to be awarded funds. If approved, Student Success Funds will be distributed by Student Financial Services through the student's bursar's account.