

**ADVANCEMENT AND ALUMNI AFFAIRS
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. I am facing a hardship because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Where can I find information about the FAMU Law Cares Emergency Relief fund?

To learn more about the FAMU Law Cares Emergency Relief fund and to submit an application, please visit this link: <http://law.famu.edu/cares>

2. Is it too late to submit an application for the emergency relief fund?

Applications to receive a laptop or scholarship through the emergency relief fund will be accepted through May 6, 2020.

3. What is the source of the emergency relief funds?

The emergency relief fund was made possible by the generosity of donors, including AccessLex, as well as College of Law faculty and staff.

4. Why must I complete the Special Circumstance form to apply for emergency relief funds?

You are not required to complete the special circumstance form to submit an application for emergency relief funds. If you apply for the emergency relief funds and you need to later complete the form, you will be notified by Mrs. Hampton. The form is in place to allow students who need to increase their budgets to receive the scholarship funding rather than reducing their loans.

5. What if I have already exceeded my cost of attendance budget for the academic year?

If you have already exceeded your cost of attendance budget, your account may be reviewed. Because these emergency relief funds are not federal funds, they will not count against any other special circumstance reviews. This is a separate process to solely assist with hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

6. What if I previously utilized a special circumstance designation for an increase in the cost of attendance budget? Am I eligible for another special circumstance in light of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes, this is a specific special circumstance to assist students facing COVID-19 hardships through FAMU Law Cares.

7. Will I incur more debt? Is this another loan?

This is not a loan and you will not be required to repay or return these funds. This relief funding will be processed and disbursed as a scholarship.

8. What if I need groceries, gas, or other essentials not listed on the eligible needs list for emergency relief?

The list includes examples of known hardships. Other financial needs arising from the COVID-19 crisis, including groceries, gas, etc., may be funded through the emergency relief fund.

9. If I need a new laptop, will that be counted against my cost of attendance?

A laptop purchase will not be factored into the cost of attendance budget. Laptops will be sent directly to students. The one-time laptop purchase under the federal special circumstance policy comes from a different source than the emergency relief funding. If you have recently received a special circumstance for the cost of a laptop, but you have since lost the use of the equipment, you will simply be asked to explain or show proof that it was damaged. Our goal is to aid as many students as we can who have need and to be very careful not to abuse, or misuse the funding, thereby allowing us to continue to provide emergency relief.

10. What if my spouse, parent or relative providing support to me lost their job during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Loss of employment is an example of a hardship that may be funded through the emergency relief funds. These are special circumstances stemming from COVID-19. The hardship will be supported through emergency relief scholarship funds, not funded through federal loans.

11. How can I prove my specific needs to receive emergency relief funds?

In addition to submitting the one-page application and an explanation of how the COVID-19 pandemic has caused your hardship, you may include any documentation relative to the emergency need. Documentation is not limited to any specific request; the decision to fund would be based solely upon the specific needs. Our goal is to obtain and retain documentation to justify the awarding of the funds and its relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have additional questions about your specific needs and the FAMU Law Cares Emergency Relief funds, please contact Mrs. Mildred Graham at mildred.graham@famu.edu or Mrs. Tocoa Hampton at Tocoa.hampton@famu.edu.