

**Policy: 3.14**

**College Student Relief Fund**

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**Purpose**

Kansas City Kansas Community College is committed to a fair and transparent process for students applying for the College Student Relief Fund.

**Policy Statement**

Students who demonstrate financial hardship due to an emergency or for unanticipated and/or compelling circumstances that make it difficult to successfully continue in courses may be granted up to \$250 in assistance per academic year. The award amount is based on the student's documented need outlined in the application and funding is dependent on the availability of funds.

Examples that are eligible for assistance that are beyond the student's control include, but are not limited to:

- displacement/homelessness;
- food insecurity;
- a death or illness that has resulted in financial hardship;
- victim of a crime, accident, or natural disaster; and
- unplanned non-discretionary expenses (such as emergency medical bills, transportation costs, unexpected car repairs, and utility bills).

Expenses that are not eligible for assistance include, but are not limited to, expenses that have already been paid, educational expenses, legal court fees (can be considered if student is the victim of the crime), student loan payments, or situations due to a lack of planning.

The following criteria must at the time of the request be met for a student to be eligible to receive assistance from the College's Student Relief Fund.

- The student must be enrolled in at least six (6) credit hours during the current semester or for a future semester if the application is submitted in between semesters.
- The student must be a degree- or certificate-seeking student and have a student success completion plan on file with the Student Success Center.
- The student must have no disciplinary violations on file with the Office of the Dean of Student Services.

Exceptions to the policy due to extenuating circumstances may be granted on a case-by-case basis by the Dean of Student Services.

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