



HELPING HANDS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

VHCC student emergency funding provides temporary, short-term financial assistance to students. Emergency funding is not intended to provide ongoing relief for recurring/routine expenses or as a consistent supplement for educational expenses.

Consideration will only be given to applicants who have experienced financial hardship due to unforeseen emergencies and/or catastrophic events.

****Documentation of Unforeseen/Catastrophic events must be attached to the application for consideration (i.e., termination notice, vehicle repair estimate, medical bill, etc.).**

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for consideration, a student must:

- Be currently enrolled in the semester for which they are requesting assistance
- Be enrolled at least half-time (6 credit hours)
- Have at least a 2.0 GPA and be in good standing
- Have a VHCC Faculty/Staff recommendation
- Be able to provide sufficient documentation of financial hardship
- Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards (SAP)

Qualifying Examples

The following examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Natural disasters such as fire, tornado, etc.
- Uncovered costs related to unexpected/unforeseen medical expenses
- Vehicle breakdown/accident
- Loss of employment due to an unexpected lay-off
- Homelessness
- Childcare under certain circumstances and on a temporary basis
- Death of guardian, spouse, or child
- Utility Bill due to an unforeseen emergency



Award

If the request is approved, the Student Emergency Fund will be awarded up to \$500 per student per semester, not more than twice per student; however, students may submit a request for more under extreme emergency situations. Funds awarded through the VHCC Student Emergency Funds are not loans and do not require repayment to VHCC.

Other resources available to assist students include:

- The [Phil Station Food Depot](#) provides nutrition and personal care items
- No-cost transportation to campus may be available via the [College Express](#)
- If you are the first person to attend college in your family, you may be eligible for extra support through our Student Support Services Program called [Excel](#)
- If you were formerly in foster care, our [Great Expectations Program](#) might be a good fit

Website Page with Application Link:

<https://www.vhcc.edu/helping-hands-assistance-program>