STUDENT HARDSHIP FUND

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PURPOSE:
The purpose of the Student Hardship Fund is to provide limited financial assistance to currently enrolled students who are experiencing a sudden emergency, accident, or unforeseen event which requires additional assistance in order to support their ability to remain enrolled in their chosen program and focused on their academic career.

SCOPE:
The Student Hardship Fund consists of charitable donations provided by Bellin College affiliated individuals and entities, including students, organizations, or persons who wish to assist Bellin College students facing unexpected financial challenges.

POLICY:
Award amounts may vary and are only awarded once per year. Decisions regarding disbursement of funds are made on a case-by-case basis. Awards do not require repayment. Due to the fund being made up of donations, there is no guarantee there will be funds available at any given time. This fund is not associated with the financial aid application process.

PROCEDURE:
The maximum awarded amount is $1,000 per nonrecurring emergency, subject to the availability of the funds and the extent of need.

- A student may receive a maximum of one award per academic school year.
- A nonrecurring emergency is defined as extreme misfortune for reasons beyond the student's control that prevents him or her from meeting basic living expenses.
    - Examples of such events include, but are not limited to:
        - Death in the family.
        - Unusual uninsured medical expenses.
        - Uninsured losses caused by fire, crime, flood, or other disasters.
        - Insupportable indebtedness occurring for reasons beyond the individual's control.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must be currently enrolled at Bellin College during the semester they seek financial assistance.
- Applicants must be in good academic standing (2.0 GPA for undergraduate or 3.0 GPA for graduate students) and free from disciplinary probation.
- Other possible financial resources must have been considered and deemed insufficient or not available in a timely manner.
- Applicants must have a nonrecurring emergency, accident, or unforeseen event that must be addressed right away.
- Applicants must be able to provide any and all requested documentation.
- Preference will be given to first time applicants.

The Student Hardship Fund **CANNOT** be used to cover any of the following expenses:

- Tuition, books, lab fees, or study abroad costs.
- Application or test fees.
- Costs for entertainment, recreation, or non-emergency travel.
- Fines or other conduct related infractions.

Please use the following link to review the criteria and complete the Student Hardship Fund application: https://www.bellincollege.edu/campus-life/student-services/current-students/. Submit a completed application to Chad Dall, Assistant Professor, Director of Outreach and Engagement via email at chad.dall@bellincollege.edu. You will be contacted regarding your application and if additional information is required.