

Anoka Technical College Foundation Crisis Grant Guidelines



The Anoka Technical College crisis grant program was developed to support students in a financial crisis by providing short-term assistance with essential needs. This fund is made possible by donations from private donors, college faculty and staff, community partners, and students.

- Crisis grants are provided to assist students experiencing an unforeseen financial crisis where their ability to attend and participate in school is affected. Examples of a financial crisis include transportation or housing issues, unmet basic needs, or outstanding essential bills. Crisis grants are for non-academic expenses only and cannot be used for tuition, academic supplies, or books.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled in 6 or more credits. Verification of enrollment status, academic standing, and financial aid status will be obtained and considered in the review process. Crisis grant funding is only available during the academic term and funding cannot be provided during breaks between academic terms. Applications may not be reviewed until after the fifth business day of the term (after the college add/drop period).
- Applicants will meet with the Completion and Success Coach, Jayme Hanson, or the College Counselor, Erica Stene Winkler, for the initial application intake. Potential grantees will receive assistance with the application process, and explore additional community resources and receive guidance to preemptively address possible root causes and/or contributing factors to these crises.
- It is highly encouraged that applicants explore alternative funding and access community and county services prior to applying. Applicants who have not accessed available financial aid loans, explored alternative funding options, or met satisfactory academic progress standards may have limited crisis grant eligibility.
- Crisis grants are not cash assistance. Rather, in the case of an approved application, a student may be provided with store credit for an essential need (e.g., food or gas card). In the event that an outstanding bill is the source of the crisis, it is required that documentation (e.g., a bill or receipt) is submitted along with the grant application.
- Due to limited resources, there are restrictions on the total amount of crisis grant funding that a student can receive. Decisions made in the process of reviewing crisis grant applications include the consideration of the applicant's situation, information gathered in the application process, demonstrated previous semesters of academic success or progress, and the availability of crisis grant funds.

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