

Student Success Fund

Taylor Family Center for Student
Success

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The Taylor Family Center for Student Success in Student Affairs creates an infrastructure of support to assist Washington University students with their transition to and through college.

Taylor Family consists of:

- Taylor Stars
 - TRiO
- Kessler Scholars





Overview of Funding

The Student Success Funds at Washington University in St. Louis offers undergraduate and graduate students access to apply for additional funding to support opportunities and emergency needs as they arise.

The Student Success Fund is comprised of several funds, some of which were created by private donors. Each fund has restrictions on what we can cover and limits on how much money we can offer per request, per semester.

Student Success Funds

Brown Family Fund	Allowed-support for parents with financial need who wish to travel to Washington University events or programs involving their student/child
Sherman Rohrbach	Allowed-travel stipends, medical expenses not covered by insurance, fees for graduate and professional school admissions tests and other expenses for experiential learning opportunities and emergency needs of undergraduate students with financial need
Emily and John Chen	Allowed-expenses related to the support for undergraduate students who have emergency needs and/or students who are pursuing educational experiences in China
Student Union Opportunity Fund	Allowed-support co-curricular expenses for students with financial need
Mental Health Fund	Allowed – expenses to support student mental health
Stephanie Brooks Dains and John Dains	Allowed – expenses in support of student emergencies and educational enrichment
Varsity Athletic Fund	Allowed- qualifying student-athletes access the full student-athlete experience by removing financial barriers as allowed by the NCAA
Black Alumni Emergency Fund	Allowed- expenses for application and graduate fees, emergency travel, and as a resource to support other such academic needs

Items we **CANNOT** approve:

- WUSTL and external tuition
- Housing deposits/damages
- Rent
- Technology (computers, laptops, iPads, & AirPods)
- Recurring bills (utilities, cell, etc. *except mental health expenses)
- *Textbooks/Course fees/Cost of attendance (Meet with SFS Advisor)
- *Travel for fall and spring break (Beginning and end of semester travel, meet SFS Advisor)
- Bear Bucks
- *Meal Points (Apply for Food Security Fund found on Dining Services website)
- Parking/tickets
- *Taxes (SFS can provide limited grants)

Approved Requested Items

*Professional /Winter Attire	Healthcare Bills	Graduation Regalia	Graduation Family Travel
Study Abroad Flight	Passport/ Visa Fees	Graduate/ Professional Needs (MCAT, LSAT, DAT, GRE, exam prep material, etc.)	Professional Development (Conferences, networking, interviews, etc.)
Mental Health	Leadership and Campus Involvement Opportunities	Miscellaneous Emergencies (travel, car, etc.)	Phone/ Headphone damage

Caps for requested items:

Professional/Winter Attire:

Max: Up to \$250 (two-time allowance)

Healthcare Bills:

- Max: Up to 50%, cap at \$500 (annual)

Graduation Regalia:

Max: Current cost of regalia

Graduation Family Travel:

Max: Up to 50% and cap at \$500 (one-time allowance)

Study Abroad Flight:

Max: \$1000 (one-time allowance)

Passport/Visa Fees;

Max: 50% (one-time allowance)

Graduate and Professional Needs (exam prep, MCAT, LSAT, DAT, GRE, etc):

Max: Up to \$1000 (one-time allowance)

Professional Development (Conferences, interviews, etc.):

Max: Up to \$500 (two-time allowance)

Student Union Mental Health:

(After 9 free virtual sessions with Habib)

Max: \$1500 (per semester)

Student Union Opportunity Fund (Student Org, Greek dues, Travel, Attire):

Max: Up to \$250 (per semester)

Emergencies (travel, car, miscellaneous)

Max: To be determined, and cap at discretion of Student Success Fund Manager

Phone/Headphone damage:

Max: To be determined, and cap at discretion of Student Success Fund Manager



Steps to apply for Student Success funding :

- Submit multiple requests items on one application
- Two week max to submit supporting documents after application submission

* Except for textbooks and Professional attire, applying for Student Success funding are as follows:

Step 1 Apply through SSF portal

- Have supporting documents (Study abroad acceptance letters, invoices, quotes, or receipts (for reimbursement) available at time of applying, via portal)
- **Impact Statement Wording:** If awarded, please provide an impact statement on how these funds would positively impact your time at WashU. (Please note this impact statement will be shared with donors, along with photo upon permission).

Step 2 Under Review

- Please allow for two (2) weeks for application to be reviewed.
- Once reviewed and approved, allow for an additional two (2) weeks for processing and payment into your account.

Step 3 Upload Receipts

- All receipts must be turned in within two (2) weeks of receiving payment.
- Failure to submit receipt will cause you to be ineligible for future funding.
- Please provide quote of gratitude in portal, upon approval.

***Procedure for Textbook/Course Materials/Cost of Attendance Item Request:**

(All textbooks/course fees/materials, travel, etc. requests must go through Student Financial Services. Student Success Funds cannot traditionally cover these items.)



1. Determine if the actual amount you have spent on textbooks/course fees, materials, etc., cost exceeds the budgeted amount in the semester's cost of attendance.

(Your award letter will show what each semester's budgeted amount is for books/supplies.

2. If the answer is "Yes", contact your SFS Counselor for additional financial assistance.

3. If the answer is "No", SFS is unable to provide additional financial assistance.

***Procedure for Professional/Winter Attire:**

1. Apply to SSF portal
2. Upload supporting documents (itemized cart/invoice) to portal
 - If and once approved, upload corresponding receipt(s), which closely mirrors the supporting documents, into portal upon purchase

Disclosure:

Denial Appeal Process:

Email any additional supporting information and/or documents to alanis@wustl.edu



All request approvals are at the discretion of the Student Success Fund team



Fund amounts may vary depending on need level and funding availability



Winter attire amounts may vary based upon hometown location and need level

Student Success Fund Application



Website:

StudentSuccess.wustl.edu

Questions?

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