How to Apply for a Student Emergency Grant

The Student Emergency Grant program at Northern Virginia Community College operates to provide one-time financial support to students experiencing an enrollment-threatening financial emergency. Emergency funds are not intended to pay for routine education expenses and are only allocated for sudden, unexpected, or unforeseen occurrences that require immediate attention and would otherwise impact a student’s ability to remain enrolled at NOVA.

**Students may apply for an Emergency Grant to request assistance for the following needs:**

* Books
* Homelessness or sudden loss of housing
* Rental Assistance
* Medical or Dental Needs
* Utility Bills
* Food
* Transportation
* Child Care
* Tuition & Fees (Usually not considered an emergency)

**Recipients of a grant are typically required to:**

* Complete the “Foundations of Money” module on Financial Avenue
* Submit a FAFSA to NOVA
* Be registered for and attending the current term at NOVA for which they are requesting aid
* Meet the [Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements](http://www.nvcc.edu/financialaid/policies/sap.html)

**Recipients of** [**WSSN grants**](https://blogs.nvcc.edu/wssn/student-emergency-grant/) **may also be required to:**

* Meet with NOVA’s Financial Coach
* Send a thank-you letter explaining the help the funds provided
* Participate in one follow-up survey

Exceptions may be made in extenuating circumstances, but in most cases students will need to meet the requirements outlined above and be enrolled in at least six credits to potentially receive a grant. All emergency grant recipients will be emailed a follow-up survey 90 days after they receive a grant.

**How to Apply:**

1. To get started, students will be required to complete the “Foundations of Money” module through the Financial Avenue website. Here are the steps:
   * Sign Up for Financial Avenue at <https://fa.financialavenue.org/sign-up/> by entering NOVA’s access code: **FinLit**
   * Provide your NOVA student email address (ending in @email.vccs.edu) during the registration process and provide your 7-digit NOVA student ID# when creating your new student account.
   * Log into Financial Avenue as a student at <https://fa.financialavenue.org/fa-login/> using the username and password you created in the step above.
   * Under “Courses” on the left side of the webpage select the course you would like to complete (i.e. Foundations of Money). Follow the prompts until you complete the course.
2. Next, students will need to log in (using their MyNOVA username and password) and complete the Emergency Grant application at <https://dashboard.nvcc.edu/forms/emergencygrant/default.aspx>.

**For questions regarding this process, please contact your** [**Campus Financial Aid Office**](http://www.nvcc.edu/financialaid/support/staff.html) **or call the** [**Financial Aid Support Center**](https://mysupport.nvcc.edu) **at 1-855-323-3199 or email** [**FinAidSupport@nvcc.edu**](mailto:FinAidSupport@nvcc.edu)**.**