

Emergency Financial Aid Program

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's emergency aid program provides assistance to students at risk of dropping out of college due to unexpected financial emergencies. This assistance was created to help students stay in college and meet their educational goals, ultimately, securing a better financial future.

In order to qualify for EA Funding a student must:

- Be enrolled for at least 3 college-level credits
- Be making satisfactory academic progress (Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above a course completion rate of 66% or above)
- Apply through the Scholarship America Portal and provide a statement of need. The application website is **BEAM** and is located under the student portal/financial aid section of the sagchip.edu website.

In reaching a decision, the committee will consider:

- The quality and amount of thoughtfulness evident in the essay
- If the student has received an Emergency Aid or Angel Fund grant in the previous 12 months
- The student's other sources of income including Pell and Scholarships
- The student's academic progress and likelihood to persist
- The Students' record of attendance and course completion

An application with the greatest likelihood of approval will exhibit/contain:

- A well-written essay free from most grammatical and punctuation errors that thoroughly explains the student's situation and factors that have contributed to it
- Bills addressed to the student or other documentation substantiating the requested expenses

Students should be aware that:

- The Emergency Aid fund is intended to be used by students with unforeseen circumstances; it is not a source of regular funding to be used semester-in and semester-out to meet students' expenses
- It is not designed to take the place of employment or other self-driven income sources.
- The maximum award is \$750.00 per academic year
- The essay is necessarily the most important aspect of the application, a primary consideration of the committee will be to consider if a student has invested appropriate time in creating their essay
- Award amounts will not be paid directly to students. All awards must be paid to a third party vendor
- Payments are dependent on availability of funds