

THURGOOD MARSHALL ACADEMY EMERGENCY FUND INFORMATION

Public Charter High School

Objective of the TMA Emergency Fund:

To assist Thurgood Marshall Academy alumni in managing unexpected financial hardships that would otherwise hinder their undergraduate career.

Application and Disbursement Process:

- Applications will be accepted until Oct. 15th in the fall and Feb. 15th in the spring.
- Applications can be found by accessing the TMA website (www.thurgoodmarshallacademy.org/alumni) or by contacting TMA.
- Award amounts will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- TMA will make every effort to act on each application as quickly as possible.
- Decisions to assist alumni will be made based on eligibility, need, and funding available at the time of the application.
- Payment will be made directly to the organization that is the provider of the service, not to students.
- Presentation of award letter and invoice will be required prior to any disbursement.

Program Criteria:

It is important that all applicants understand the purpose of the Emergency Fund and determine their eligibility prior to applying.

- Applicants must demonstrate financial need by presenting a receipt and/or invoice.
- Applicants must demonstrate how financial assistance will impact their undergraduate career.
- Applicants must understand that funding is not guaranteed and decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Situations that might qualify for support include:

- Lack of funding for a meal plan and/or student housing
- Lack of funding for tuition and/or fees
- Lack of funding for textbooks and/or school supplies
- Lack of funding to compensate for an unpaid internship or job that is directly related to the applicant's course of study

Situations that would most likely <u>NOT</u> qualify for support include:

- Lack of funding for unrelated travel
- Lack of funding for study abroad programs
- Lack of funding for extracurricular activities that are not directly related to the applicant's course of study
- Any situation where assistance would merely postpone, rather than adequately address, the need

Ouestions:

If you have any questions regarding the application process or your specific application, please contact Mrs. Stewart at 202-563-6862 ext. 121 or sstewart@tmapchs.org.