

Some options for students in need of financial and other assistance

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We are aware that the recent changes to our educational and living situations may have created hardships for many of our students. Here are some resources available to help alleviate these situations:

Student Affairs Crisis Emergency Fund: This fund provides financial assistance to enrolled full-time undergraduate/graduate students who are experiencing an immediate financial emergency. The fund assists students with critical emergencies, excluding tuition-related expenses, which jeopardize a student's ability to remain a student. (See below for tuition assistance options.) The maximum amount that can be applied for is \$1,000. Applications, including documentation supporting the request, will be reviewed confidentially by a panel made up of faculty and staff. Access an application and information [here](#).

Forever Frostburg Scholarship: This scholarship is for full-time students with at least a 3.0 GPA who encounter special circumstances at any time of year that hinder the ability for the student or student's family to pay for college expenses. If a student has already paid their bills for the current semester, the scholarship is provided as a refund to the student from the Billing Office. Contact the Financial Aid Office at FSUFinAid@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4301 information or to apply.

Unfinished Business Scholarship: This scholarship is available to full- or part-time students with at least a 2.5 GPA and who has completed at least 29 credits for whom financial difficulties are preventing the student from registering for the next semester. (A similar scholarship, Race to the Finish, exists for students in the College of Business who have completed 72 credits with a 3.0 GPA.) Contact the Financial Aid Office at FSUFinAid@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4301 for information or to apply.

PAWS Pantry: Available to ANY FSU student, providing non-perishable food. The pantry is located at the Braddock House (20 Braddock Rd.) and is open Mondays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays will be reserved for deliveries to students who are ill or required to self-isolate because of potential exposure. It is not currently open to walk-ins; pre-packed bag options are being provided, and students are urged to take the food they need for a week. Please email PAWSPantry@frostburg.edu or call 301-687-7599 for information.

All of these programs are supported by the FSU Foundation. To support any of these funds, please visit www.frostburg.edu/Foundation to make a gift. In particular, gifts are being sought to support the [Student Affairs Crisis Emergency Fund](#) to assist students in the current crisis.

In addition, students will be receiving letters next week indicating the amount of any pro-rated refund for mandatory fees (excluding technology and course fees) and on-campus room and meal plans.

We are aware that the transition to online learning is not always an easy one, and that there are a variety of barriers that our students may be experiencing. The Center for Academic Advising and Retention (CAAR) is surveying FSU students to learn how they are acclimating to online learning. Students are encouraged to respond, and faculty and staff who are aware of students who have not checked into their online classes should post an alert in Beacon. CAAR, PASS and Success Coaching

support staff will attempt to connect with students by phone to check in, make referrals and provide assistance.

Students who are uncertain where to take their individual concerns should contact their academic advisors for direction or email studentaffairs@frostburg.com.

Finally, the University is waiting on federal guidance on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), signed into law on March 27, to determine what form of assistance may become available and how the University or individuals should apply for it.

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