

The Professor Constance Fain Student Emergency Fund

The Professor Constance Fain Student Emergency Fund (Fain SEF) was established through the generous gifts of Dr. Herbert and Professor Constance Fain, alumni and friends of TMSL. The Fain SEF is administered through the TMSL Office of Advancement and Alumni Engagement (OAAE) and it provides TMSL law students and recent TMSL graduates with assistance when an ***imminent, unexpected, extraordinary*** need is identified. The Fain SEF provides financial support when a verified emergency has impacted a student's health, safety, or well-being.

It is not intended to cover expenses that could have been anticipated prior to the start of the term (like tuition, fees, housing, living expenses etc.); the Fund is intended to assist students and recent graduates who have experienced unexpected crises that arise during the current semester.

Examples of expenses due to an Unexpected crises may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Mechanical issues with transportation preventing a student from attending classes
- Unexpected medical bills not covered by insurance
- Travel expenses to attend a funeral for an immediate family member/guardian (parent, stepparent, sibling, spouse, child, mother or father in law or fiancé)
- Natural disaster-related costs e.g. lost books, laptop or transportation to school
- A recent, involuntary job loss lasting more than four weeks.
- Medication/prescription expenses resulting from a recent onset accident/incident
- Safety-related needs (e.g., lock change, emergency shelter and related expenses due to domestic violence); and
- Food Insecurity

The award amount for those completing the application is determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on the student's needs/expenses, but is capped at **\$1500**. Funding is limited, if funds are exhausted at the time a completed application is received, we will be unable to fund the request.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Submit Fain SEF Application online including documentation of the emergency and resulting financial hardship (applications submitted without documentation cannot be approved). Applicants should attach a copy of their most recent bank statement, household budget worksheet, and documentation of the recent emergency creating the hardship, including but not limited to: reduced hours at work documented on a pay stub; notice of loss of employment;; permanent address located in the natural disaster area; police report regarding a safety concern and/or victim of crime; copy of medical bill and statement of hardship.
2. Verification of payment method to be used. If it is for payment to a third-party vendor, like a utility account, full account name, account number and billing information is required, and funds will be paid directly to the vendor upon disbursement.
3. OAAE staff may reach out to a schedule a consultation within five (5) business days to the application.
4. OAAE staff will confirm if emergency aid is available based on established criteria.
5. Most applications will be processed within ten to fifteen (10-15) business days. However, if there are missing documents or additional approval is needed, processing can take longer.

REASONS FOR A DECLINED APPLICATION OUTCOME:

- The situation did not meet the criteria for the current emergency causing financial hardship.
- Documentation was not submitted, as requested

- Students not in both GOOD academic and disciplinary standing as defined by university policies and procedures.
- Student has exceeded the maximum allowed in a single academic year for the Fain SEF.
- Student is still eligible to borrow up to cost of attendance with the TMSL Office of Financial Aid
- Lack of Funds Availability, Fund is exhausted at time of application.
- Funds are not distributed prior to the first/or after the last day of the semester.

APPLICATION FOR THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW FAIN STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Contact Numbers: _____

Are you currently enrolled full-time at TMSL? _____ Class: _____

Nature of Emergency (Please Check Only One (1):

_____ Domestic Violence

_____ Employment Change

_____ Food Insecurity

_____ Medical Expenses

_____ Natural Disaster

_____ Travel Expenses Related to Death of Immediate Family Member/Guardian

_____ OTHER, Please Describe Briefly _____

List Availability for Consultation : _____

Are you in Good Academic and Disciplinary standing: _____

What is the specific item you are requesting funds for? (ex: food, shelter, medical expenses, travel, or other): _____

What is the specific amount you are requesting?: _____

Have you exhausted financial aid allotment for the academic year? _____

BUDGET WORKSHEET:

Number of Persons in Household: _____

Do you have a spouse/life partner? _____

Household Monthly Income:		
Financial Aid		
Employment/Self Spouse/Life Partner		
Parental Contribution		
Scholarships		
	Total Monthly Income:	
Housing/Rent/Mortgage		
Child/Elder Care		
Automobile Expenses		
Credit Cards		
Household Expenses (Utilities and Food)		
Medical		
Miscellaneous		
	Total Monthly Expenses:	

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