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PURPOSE OF THE PAY IT FORWARD FUND

- The purpose of this fund is to provide assistance to Northwest students who are struggling financially, while engaging them in the resources available to be successful financially, socially and academically.
 - Purposes include, but are not limited to:
 - Supplemental textbooks and course supplies,
 - Unexpected medical costs
 - Tuition assistance
 - Emergency transportation needs
 - Etc.

GUIDELINES

- Individuals applying for funding must be a Northwest student or someone seeking assistance to be allowed to (re)register for classes.
- Fund limit will be assessed with the help of the Financial Aid Office and Pay it Forward Committee.
- Processing may require approximately 5-7 business days.
- Northwest employees are not eligible for assistance.
- Upon approval of the funding, checks may be picked up from the Northwest Foundation Office during posted office hours (check processing may take an additional 5-7 days). Funds can also be sent directly to the Office of Student Account Services. A student ID card must be shown as identification if picking up the check.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- Students can apply for the Pay it Forward Fund through the Student Affairs Office, second floor, Student Union. Prior to approval, the student must meet with the Financial Aid Director or delegate.
- Students 'pay it forward' by serving community service hours on campus or off-campus of their choosing. Tutoring assistance may be a stipulation to receive funding if needed, or mentor others if academically successful. Other options may be available depending on the student circumstance.
- Final approval of fund will be at the discretion of the Vice-President of Student Affairs.

HISTORY

- Began as an Emergency Fund Loan with a \$75.00 limit in 2008
 - This was underutilized.
- Board members got added to the group and the fund account grew substantially to what it is today.
- Between 2013 and 2021, 80% of the 172 students that applied received funding.

TO DONATE

- Please contact saffair@nwmissouri.edu if you would like to donate to the Pay It Forward fund.
- You can also drop off monetary donations to the Northwest Foundation located in the Alumni House.