

PLEAS FUND : LAW SCHOOL EMERGENCY FUND

Managed by the School of Law, this fund is available to provide limited financial assistance to enrolled law students who are unable to meet immediate, essential expenses because of temporary hardship related to an emergency situation.

Types of Expenses that May Be Covered: A range of circumstances may result in financial hardships. Typical expenses covered include, but are not limited to: Replacement of essential personal belongings due to natural disaster, fire, theft, or other unforeseen circumstance; Costs related to a death or serious illness in the immediate family; Personal safety needs (e.g., changing a lock); Essential academic expenses; Medications or other health-related costs; Essential living expenses; Transportation issues that directly impact education; Or other sudden, unexpected financial needs.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be enrolled in the Elisabeth Haub School of Law degree program for the term in which the emergency aid is being requested
- Have temporary financial hardship resulting from an emergency situation
- Be in good academic standing and maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress with the law school (MAY BE WAIVED in certain situations)
- As requested, be able to provide sufficient documentation of financial hardship

The Application Process: The PLEAS Fund application must be completed and submitted by the student to lawstudentservices@law.pace.edu. The Review Committee will review submitted applications and make a determination within a maximum of ten business days of the receipt of the application. However, staff from the law school's Student Services Office may be in contact in the interim to see if there are additional, non-financial resources at the law school that may be of support.

Applicants may be required to provide additional information or take further steps as part of the application review. Existing financial aid is considered in determining any award amount, and unwillingness to take out loans may not constitute an emergency. While we attempt to support as many students as possible with emergency funding, we are not able to grant every request or, in some cases, offer the full amount requested.

This fund exists to support students in their time of need, so you are encouraged to apply if you are experiencing an emergency. You are also welcome to contact the law school's Dean for Students, Angie D'Agostino, adagostino@law.pace.edu if you have

any questions about your eligibility for emergency funds or need assistance accessing any other resources.