# **Employee Emergency Fund Application**

## **Overview**

The Employee Emergency Fund (EEF) provides financial assistance when employees are unable to meet immediate, essential expenses because of a temporary financial hardship (hardship.)

A hardship is an emergency event, *not* a pre-existing financial concern.

Examples of hardship include (but are not limited to):

- Death of a family or household member
- Serious illness or injury
- Loss of livable housing due to structural damages caused by fire or natural disaster
- Significant loss of household income affecting an employee's ability to pay for basic needs
- Medical expenses resulting from an accident

# **Eligibility**

Employees must meet the following criteria to apply:

- Have a hardship due to an emergency
- Be an active employee in a non-student role
- Have full- or part-time benefits-eligible, continuous employment for at least 6 months prior to the application date
- Have a gross income of less than \$50,000 for an individual or \$100,000 or less for a couple filing jointly

## **Funding**

- The maximum award amount per employee per calendar year is \$1,000.
- Funds are counted as supplemental pay and subject to federal taxes.

## How to Apply

#### **Electronic Option**

- 1. Complete the form electronically in Adobe Acrobat and sign using a digital signature.
- 2. Attach the form to an email and include copies of all bills related to the emergency that caused the hardship.
- 3. Email the form and attachments to compensation@uta.edu.

#### **Print Option**

- 1. Print the form. Complete and sign it by hand.
- 2. Include copies of all bills related to the emergency that caused the hardship.

3. Mail or deliver the form to:

Office of Talent, Culture and Engagement ATTN: EEF Committee 1225 W. Mitchell St, Suite 213, Box 19176 Arlington, Texas 76019

Contact <u>compensation@uta.edu</u> with questions.

#### **Review Process**

- The EEF Committee may request additional or missing documentation during the application process. Missing documentation may delay funding approval.
- Applicants will be notified in writing of the EEF Committee's decision. The EEF Committee typically provides decisions within (7) working days after receiving the application and all required documentation.
- All personally identifying information will be removed before the application is forwarded to the EEF Committee. Completed application materials will be retained electronically.
- Approved funding will be paid on or by the next regular paycheck.

# **Application**

## **Employee Information**

Name			UTA ID		
Department			Approximate Length of UTA Servi	ice	
Benefits Eligible	Part Time	Full Time	Email		
Address					
Phone			Is it OK to leave a message?	Yes	No

#### **Application Questions**

Please indicate the item(s) for which you are requesting assista	Check all that apply.						
Utilities, and other bills required for normal living expenses							
Replacement of essential personal items due to a fire, natural disaster, or theft							
Funds for immediate emergency shelter							
Food/Groceries							
Other							
How much funding are you requesting?	The max. awa	rd amount per calendar year is \$1,000.					
Is this the first time that you have applied for the EEF?	Yes	No					
If you previously applied, were you awarded funds from the El	EF? Yes	No					
If YES: Date Amount							

### **Supporting Documentation**

Supporting documentation must be provided within the application.

This documentation may include but is not limited to:

- Documentation of the crisis situation
- Photos
- A doctor's note
- An insurance claim
- Bills or invoices for payments to be made
- Proof of loss of employment or reduction in income
- Proof of spouse income if filiing jointly

Please provide a brief description of the emergency event causing temporary financial hardship.

#### Certification

- I certify that the information provided on this application is complete and accurate.
- I certify that my financial hardship is genuine.
- I certify that all supporting documents that I provide are valid and accurate.
- I understand that money received from the EEF is taxable income.
- I will apply all money received from the EEF toward debts related to the hardship.
- I understand that my application will not be considered if it is found to contain misleading information.

Signature \_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_