

FAQ - CMA FOUNDATION COVID-19 SUPPORT FOR MEDICAL LEARNERS BURSARY

What is the purpose for the Bursary?

Funded by the CMA Foundation, the Bursary provides financial assistance to medical learners who have been impacted directly by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bursary provides monetary assistance towards unexpected financial needs or expenses due specifically to COVID-19.

Who is eligible?

Any currently enrolled medical student or medical resident (“medical learners”) enrolled in the Max Rady College of Medicine UGME or PGME program is eligible to apply.

What types of expenses are eligible?

The Bursary provides two types of assistance:

Emergency Assistance is available for those who are in unexpected financial need due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This may be due to a sudden change in a partner or parent(s) employment status and the resultant difficulty in paying for living expenses. Emergency assistance is also available for those requiring self-isolation due to COVID-19 with the additional cost of housing, food, childcare and mental health services all eligible.

Non-Emergency Reimbursement will provide reimbursement for additional expenses incurred due to COVID-19. An example is the cost of parking at a clinical site different than planned due to COVID-19 rescheduling.

What types of expenses are NOT eligible?

The bursary will not reimburse for lost personal or family income as a result of COVID-19. Income loss support is available through government assistance programs, if eligible. In addition, discretionary lifestyle expenses and any expense not related to COVID-19 will not be reimbursed.

What amount of funding is available?

Up to \$5000 is available for any applicant requesting Emergency Assistance. The amount provided will be allocated based on an assessment of need and the funding available. Applicants can reapply for emergency assistance but the cumulative amount available will be \$5000 per individual. If funds remain at the end of the academic year, additional funding may be provided to those whose financial need was greater than the \$5000 limit.

Applications for Non-Emergency Reimbursement will be considered only if the cumulative amount is \geq \$100. Applicants are advised to save their reimbursement receipts until they have reached \$100 before submission. Medical learners can reapply as often as they wish for reimbursement of additional eligible expenses. Reimbursement will be allocated if funding is available.

How to apply?

Applications must complete the CMA Foundation COVID-19 Support for Medical Learners Bursary application form. Sections A, B and D are required for all applicants. Applicants for Emergency Assistance are required to complete Section C. Non-Emergency Reimbursement applicants do not have to complete Section C if the requested amount is less than \$250.