

Eastern Michigan University

Anthropology Department-COVID Student Emergency Funds

The Eastern Michigan University Anthropology Student Relief Fund assists students by providing financial assistance with unexpected expenses due to COVID-19. Many students lost their supporting jobs during COVID-19 and were met with an increased financial burden. This fund allows students that are near graduation to help meet their needs and finish their education.

Students may apply for this fund once each term but may not apply if they have already received funding from the Anthropology Alumni Chapter. This one-time payment does not need to be repaid. The purpose of the Anthropology Student Relief Fund is to award a one-time monetary assistance to students who are experiencing unforeseen financial difficulties due to COVID-19; assisting to cover expenses which impacted the student's ability to continue their education. One student will be awarded the relief amount of \$800 for fall 2020. The funding will be awarded on a case-by-case basis after evaluating the students' needs and circumstances. Upon approval of the Anthropology Student Relief Fund application, the funds will be paid into the student's account through financial aid.

Application Due Date: **September 25th, 2020**

Applications and essays should be emailed to anthropology_alumni@emich.edu.

(Please allow for 1-2 weeks for processing of applications.)

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be enrolled at EMU
- MUST be majoring in Anthropology at EMU
- Junior or Senior year student (priority for full-time enrollment)
- Lost supporting job from COVID-19/under increased financial strain
- Be in good academic standing with EMU/Anthropology department (minimum 3.0 GPA)
- Applicants must complete the form below and submit supporting documentation
- Write minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 pages double-spaced essay about how COVID-19 has financially affected you

Expenses **NOT** Covered using relief funds:

- Parking tickets or fines
- Entertainment
- Court fees
- Credit card/Personal debt

****Students that are awarded the relief funds must write a thank you note within two weeks of receiving the award to the Anthropology Alumni Chapter. The thank you note should be scanned and sent to the alumni email at: anthropology_alumni@emich.edu.**

Application Process

1. Complete the Anthropology Department-COVID Student Emergency Fund's application thoroughly and submit an essay.
2. The President and Vice President of the Anthropology Alumni chapter will review the applications and make a decision. Criteria will be based upon completion of supporting documents, the financial need expressed in the essay, and credit load.
3. Payments made to students account through financial aid. Please allow for 3-5 weeks after acceptance for account processing.

****For any questions feel free to contact us at anthropology_alumni@emich.edu.**

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Full Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you currently enrolled at EMU? _____

Current Year in School: _____

Fall Semester Registered Credit Amount: _____

Current GPA: _____

Are you currently receiving financial aid?

Please indicate the purpose of the funds (tuition, housing, books etc.)

By signing below, I realize that my information about this situation will be shared with the Anthropology Alumni Officers and the faculty liaison.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Things to include in your essay:

- Statement of financial need
- How has COVID-19 affected your ability to continue your education at EMU?
- How will support from the Anthropology Alumni Chapter advance your academic goals?

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