



**SISSETON WAHPETON COLLEGE
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
“SERF”
STUDENT EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND**



*** Please read before applying**

The Student Emergency Relief Fund (SERF) is available for SWC students who are facing a financial emergency. To be eligible, a student must have experienced an out of the ordinary event, which will cause them to have to miss classes or drop out of school all together. SERF is funded by several sources; the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate and outside resources.

There are a very limited amount of funds available. Only students with the most dire of circumstances will be funded because of the small amount of funding available.

- Students who are carrying less than 6 credits will be ineligible.
- Students must have 65% attendance to be eligible in all classes.
- Students are served by household, not on an individual basis.
- Students who have abused the program previously and have had an amount charged back to their student account will be ineligible.
- Students who do not have an emergency, but are applying for gas or groceries will be served through applications for assistance to local social service assistance organizations because these are permanent, on-going needs that can't be remedied by a single voucher from SERF. Vehicle Fuel requests will be made to the SWO C-store at Agency Village ONLY.

Students who need assistance will be required to complete a SERF application.

Students should contact the SSS Administrative Assistant to know if they were funded or not.

Upon being funded, students will be expected to:

- Attend a TRIO workshop within the semester. There will be no exceptions to this requirement. If you do not attend a workshop, you will be ineligible the following semester. There will be 2 workshops available to choose from in any month.

Tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or lottery tickets cannot be purchased with a SERF voucher. If these products are purchased with a SERF voucher, then the student will be required to reimburse the SERF program for those expenditures. If they are unable to do so, then their student account will be billed. **If a student purchases one of these items, they will be ineligible to receive SERF again, regardless of the situation.**

If you do not meet the criteria and have been denied or other resources are available to you, the Academic counselor will meet with you to assist you in making contacts.

If you have any questions, please contact the Academic Counselor at 698-3966 ext 1305, Retention Specialist at ext 1302, or SSS Director at ext 1300.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Credit Hours for the current semester: _____ Status: __New __Continuing __Returning

Financial Aid: PELL grant SWO Higher Ed Other Tribal Higher Ed
SWC AICF Other Scholarship Elderly Tuition Waiver
Veterans Benefit

Have you received SERF before? Y N Semester: _____ Year: _____ Type: _____

Please tell us why you are requesting student emergency relief and what you will use the voucher for. You may be denied if you don't tell us what your emergency situation is or if other resources are available.

****ATTACH A COPY OF THE BILL OR 2 ESTIMATES FOR CAR REPAIR/TIRES.****

Amount requested: \$ _____

Are you employed: NO YES, part-time Yes, full time
(20 hours or less) (21 hours or more)

Monthly income: \$ _____ Source: TANF SNAP Child Support
Employment/Classroom Training

How many dependents do you have? _____

I agree I am only eligible to receive SERF funds once per semester and I am **required** to attend one TRIO workshop, of my choice, in the same semester that I receive the assistance. If I do not attend a workshop I will be ineligible to receive assistance the next semester I apply.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Fall Spr 20____

Attendance met: Yes No _____% Total credits: _____

Received SERF this semester: Yes No

Received SERF last semester: Yes No If yes, finished requirements? (See below)

Denied

Reason for denial _____

Accepted Vendor: _____

Amount: _____ Notes: _____

Referred

Referral Options: LIEAP TANF Employment Training NESDCAP

District Childcare assistance Food stamps

Other: _____

Attended TRIO Workshop: Yes No Budgeting Requirement met: Yes No

Date: _____ Date: _____

Voucher Number _____

SSS Director Signature

Date

Additional Notes: