

SPP Family Support Grant Information 2021-2022

UMass student parents may request funds for a Family Grant for non-child care related unexpected expenses that would negatively impact academic progress. SPP Family Grants will be provided in the form of a scholarship and dispersed via student bursar accounts. Family Grants will be awarded one per household, maximum \$500 per semester with no more than 2 semesters funding per household per academic year.

To request funding, please complete the application form and email it, along with any supporting documents, to studentparent@umass.edu with the subject: **SPP Family Grant Application**. The SPP Family Grant Committee will review each request and notify the student of the funding decision. If you have questions or need assistance with your application, please contact our staff at studentparent@umass.edu - we are happy to help you!

Application Process:

- Submit a completed SPP Family Grant Application along with any relevant documents to the studentparent@umass.edu from a valid UMass student email
- Applications are reviewed by the SPP Family Grant Committee. In addition to reviewing the application and any relevant documents submitted by the student, the committee reviews financial aid information (does the student have unmet need as established by FAFSA?), and the Bursar's bill (does the student have an unpaid balance and/or has the student recently received a refund from the university?)
- Students will be notified via email whether the grant is approved or denied

If approved:

- SPP staff will submit paperwork to the Financial Aid Office who will process the grant
- The grant amount is then issued as a refund by the Bursar's Office via Excess Express

Emergency Fund eligibility:

- Students must be registered as part-time or full-time in the semester that the funds would be provided
- Students must be in good academic standing
- Expenses that will not be considered include, but are not limited to: tuition, fees, and other standard expenses associated with enrolling at the University of Massachusetts

Some of the reasons requests may be denied include, but are not limited to:

- Incomplete application or application lacks supporting documentation
- Application does not clearly explain how the grant will resolve the described financial challenge
- The student is not actively enrolled as a part-time or full-time undergraduate or graduate student according to enrollment information
- The student's Bursar bill is unpaid
- The student is already at the maximum financial aid allotted for the academic year
- Insufficient funds available in the SPP Family Grant Fund

Student Parent Programs Family Grant Application

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To request funding, please complete the application form and email it, along with any supporting documents, to studentparent@umass.edu with the subject: **SPP Family Grant Application**. The SPP Family Grant Committee will review each request and notify the student of the funding decision. The application includes a monthly budget sheet that provides the committee a better understanding of your monthly expenses and allows us to connect you to additional sources of support.

Name: _____ Spire ID: _____
UMass Email Address: _____ Department: _____
Local Address: _____ Cell/Home Phone: _____
Amount Requested: _____ Date of request: _____

1. Please describe your reason for applying for this grant – please include the nature of the financial challenge and how this grant amount will help you to address this challenge.

2. Please describe your efforts to seek any other financial assistance as well as the outcome of these efforts. (This may include a meeting with a financial aid counselor, application for other university grants or emergency funds, seeking help from a family member, or applying for public benefit programs.)

3. Do you have documentation of the financial need described in question #1? (This may include a police report, medical bill, unemployment notice, etc.) If yes, please submit with your application.

Monthly Budget Sheet

The information provided below is confidential and will only be available to SPP Family Grant committee members. It is used to help us determine if there are additional resources that may be of benefit to you.

Fixed expenses (per month)

Item	Amount	Notes
Rent/Mortgage		
Renter's/Home Insurance		
Car Payment		
Car Insurance		
Childcare		
Other: _____		

Variable Expenses (average per month)

Item	Amount	Notes
Utilities (Electric, Water, Gas, etc.)		
Groceries		
Toiletries/Household items		
Other needed household items		
Medical bills/medication		
Other: _____		
Other: _____		

I affirm that all information is complete and true on this application.

Student Signature

Date

Please indicate which of the following supports you currently receive:

SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program)

WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)

Fuel Assistance Program

DTA Benefits (Department of Transitional Assistance)

Food pantry

Other: