

## ***Rust Opportunity Assistance Fund***

The Rust Opportunity Award is an emergency fund available for students who are experiencing an **unforeseen situation** that causes a financial emergency which could prevent them from continuing their education. Application is reviewed on a case by case basis and awards determined accordingly. Academic performance and progress will be considered for each student. All students are encouraged to complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Rust Opportunity Assistance Fund Applications are available from the Financial Aid and Scholarship Services Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm.

**Application Requirements:** Students need to turn in a complete application form with following documents attached:

- ▶ Personal statement explaining your unforeseen circumstance or emergency
  - ▲ Why you need the emergency funds
  - ▲ State exact amount requested and how money will be used
  - ▲ If you do not have a FAFSA on file please give reason
  - ▲ Include your educational and/or career goals
- ▶ Two letters of recommendation from instructors or advisors
- ▶ Supporting documentation of the financial emergency (receipts, police report, medical statements, eviction notice, etc...)

These documents will be used to determine the financial emergency and amount of award.

*Only* complete application including all documentation and letters of recommendations will be accepted!

### **Review Procedure:**

Applications will be reviewed twice a week regularly Tuesday and Thursday and must be turned in by 5:00 on Monday or Wednesday for review the following day. Supporting documentation will be use to determine the applicants level of emergency and amount of scholarship award. Satisfactory Academic Progress will be reviewed for each applicant. The student will be contacted by the scholarship staff after application has been reviewed to inform students of approval or denial. The Rust Opportunity Assistance Fund may only be awarded one time per year to each student.. Each application is reviewed on a case by case basis. If approved award checks are made payable to the company providing the service.