



## **Rust Opportunity Assistance Fund**

The Rust Opportunity Assistance Fund is an emergency fund available for students who are experiencing an unforeseen financial situation. This situation must be beyond the student's control and possibly prevent them from continuing their education. The Rust Opportunity Assistance Fund is intended to assist serious students continue their studies and complete a CNM certificate or degree. Applications are reviewed on a case by case basis and awarded accordingly. Applicant's academic performance and progress in their program is an important factor in the final consideration.

All students are encouraged to complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for possible additional financial assistance.

**\*Note:** Rust does not pay for tuition, car payments, insurance, cell phone bills, & cable bills

Application Requirements: Applicants must turn in a completed application form with the following documents attached:

- Personal statement explaining your unforeseen circumstance or emergency
  - ▲ Why you need the emergency funds and how money will be used
  - ▲ Include your educational and/or career goals
- Two letters of recommendation : One from a current instructor and one from a Connect Coach or School Advisor
- Supporting documentation of the financial emergency (notice of layoff/ termination, receipts, police reports, medical statements, eviction notice, ect.) Please take a picture of your supporting documentation and submit with your application.
- Payment Contact Information; This may mean getting a completed and sign W9 from the provider. If that is NOT possible, please sign up for direct deposit with your personal bank account to eliminate the need for students to come to CNM.

These documents will be used to determine the financial emergency and amount of award. Only copies of original supporting documentation should be submitted. Documentation will not be returned to the student. Only complete applications will be accepted.

Information regarding processing of application:

Applications will be reviewed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Student's personal statement, academic progress, and supporting documentation will be used to determine the applicant's eligibility, level of emergency and amount of scholarship award. Awarded students will receive an award check payable to the service provider. Student will be contacted by phone after their application has been reviewed to inform them of approval or denial. Awarded students are contacted again when their check is ready to be picked up.

Rust Opportunity Assistance Fund will only be awarded one time within a twelve-month period.

**Please submit completed application to [Scholarships@cnm.edu](mailto:Scholarships@cnm.edu). Application can also be submitted In-person.**