

## S.O.A.R. Center Student Emergency Financial Assistance Application

### The Program

BRCC's Student Outreach & Resource Center (The "SOAR" Center) supports those who are attempting to further their education at BRCC. The SOAR Center's temporary emergency financial assistance funding provides short-term financial assistance for current BRCC students who find it difficult or impossible to complete or continue their education due to an emergency situation or sudden unforeseen circumstances. The SOAR Center's resources are aimed at helping current BRCC students continue their education.

### Preferred Eligibility Requirements

- Be actively enrolled and attending class
- 12 credit hours completed
- Earned at least a 2.0 GPA
- Demonstrate a clearly defined emergency or unexpected situation
- BRCC must be the applicant's primary institution
- May not be on Financial Aid suspension
- May not owe money to any Virginia Community College
- Students enrolled in FastForward programs will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis

### Application Process

If you meet the criteria above and would like to submit an application, please complete the application (in full) and submit the following documentation with your application:

- Current BRCC transcript (unofficial)
- Copy of Financial Aid award
- Copies of any bills for which you are requesting assistance

Upon submission of your application, a committee will review your request, and promptly respond by phone or email. Decisions made by the Review Committee are final. If approved for funding, payment processes will be coordinated directly with the vendor/agency the applicant has requested assistance with. The S.O.A.R. Center liaison will initiate the payment process.

### Additional Information

To submit application materials or ask questions, please contact:

S.O.A.R. Center Liaison: Wendy Smith  
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## Application Information

## Applicant Data

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

VCCS Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment Status:  Full-time  Part-time  Not employed

## Current College Data

Enrollment Status:  Full-time student  Part-time student

Credits Earned: \_\_\_\_\_ Credits Currently Enrolled in: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Program of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

## Academic &amp; Career Goals

What are your plans as they relate to your future educational goals at BRCC?

- Graduate and enter workforce
- Graduate and transfer to another institution
- Earn college credits and then transfer to another institution
- Refresh skills in a particular area

## Assistance Request

Please specify the category for which you are requesting emergency funds.

- Utilities  Automobile expense
- Housing/Rent  Child Care  Gas  Other, specify \_\_\_\_\_



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Assistance Request Continued...

**On a separate sheet of paper, please describe your emergency situation and how it is impacting your educational goals at BRCC. Please attach your summary to this packet.**

Amount of funds requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied for BRCC S.O.A.R. emergency assistance?  Yes  No

If yes, how much aid did you receive? \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Information

Are you the head of household?  YES  NO

Number of Dependents: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for, or are you currently receiving Financial Aid?  YES  NO

If yes, please indicate the award amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently receiving State or Federal assistance?  YES  NO If yes, please indicate:

Energy Assistance  SNAP  General Relief  Medicaid  TANF  Other:

1.) Award Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

2.) Award Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Income/Expenses

**FAMILY INCOME**

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Income (include all earnings): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Income Sources (alimony, child support, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Monthly Income:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPENSES**

Housing (rent/mortgage payment): \_\_\_\_\_

Utilities (electric, gas, etc.) Groceries (monthly): \_\_\_\_\_

Car Payment, other monthly payments \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card (monthly payments): \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Monthly Expenses:** \_\_\_\_\_



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**Student Acknowledgement**

S.O.A.R.'s resources are aimed at helping current BRCC students continue their education. Those who have completed 12 credits, have earned at least a 2.0 GPA, and can clearly define their "at risk" emergency or unexpected situation are given priority for funding assistance. The S.O.A.R. Center is primarily funded by donations from community members, BRCC alumni, and faculty and staff who give generously to "pay it forward." However, providing financial assistance is only one small part of what we do. Additional resources at Beyond the Blue include referral services to address physical, emotional, and social support. When you are able, please consider making a donation to BRCC's Educational Foundation, earmarking contributions for BRCC Student Outreach & Resource Center.

**I certify that this application information is accurate, and understand the mission of The S.O.A.R. Center's services.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

How did you hear about S.O.A.R.?

Faculty    Advisor    Peer    Webpage    Classroom    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**S.O.A.R. Center Office Information (To be completed by BRCC Staff)**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted to Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved

Denied

Amount Approved: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student Notified: \_\_\_\_\_

To Foundation Office: \_\_\_\_\_



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S.O.A.R. Emergency Assistance Questionnaire – Completed During Interview

1. What circumstances brought you to apply for BRCC’s S.O.A.R. Emergency Assistance?

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2. Have you sought assistance elsewhere (family, friends, loan)?

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3. Tell me about how you budget your monthly income/expenses. If your request is approved, what will you do differently in the future?

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4. If your request is approved, how will this funding request help you continue your education at BRCC?

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