

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
- Have a declared program of study
- 16 credits hours completed
- Earned at least a 2.0 GPA
- Demonstrate and clearly define their "emergency" financial need
- BRCC must be the applicant's primary institution
- May not be on Financial Aid suspension
- May not owe money to any Virginia Community College

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 & 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 16 credits in a program of study, 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, 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 include an on-campus library (located in Plecker Workforce Center), referral services, workshops throughout the year and friendly staff to assist you in reaching your goals. 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?

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

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

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