Office of Continuing Studies and Enhanced Learning
Louise Guarnaccia Fund for Non-Traditional Students

Grant Overview

The Louise Guarnaccia Fund for Non-Traditional Students assists female students over the age of twenty-three in meeting emergency financial needs that may disrupt their academic progression if unmet. The funding can be used towards modest tuition assistance, book/educational supplies, conference/educational event attendance, medical emergencies, and other unexpected financial obligations. As funding is limited (with exception, no more than $200 per student, depending on request), students will need to document how they will meet the balance of their need if it is more than the individual limit. There is no application deadline; applications are considered on a funding-as-needed basis and until the funding is depleted.

To be eligible for funding, a student must

- Be a matriculated female student aged 23 or older with demonstrated financial need
- Reside in the Windham County towns of Ashford, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Scotland, Stafford, Union and Willington, or Willimantic/Windham.
- Be registered during the semester she is requesting a grant.

If the student meets the above criteria, she must complete a grant application and include supportive documentation such as invoices, estimates, etc., from established businesses/institutions. The application can be obtained from the Continuing Studies website at https://www.easternct.edu/continuing-studies/index.html. In addition to completing the application, the student must also

- Have filed a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form with Eastern Connecticut State University https://www.fafsa.ed.gov/ or submit her most recent Federal Tax return with grant application
- Submit a TYPED narrative of the description of her financial need, and how receiving a grant would help her in both meeting her immediate need and in her educational pursuits.

Once a student submits an application, a committee will review the request and respond to the applicant within a week.

For more information, or to refer eligible students, please contact:

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Grant Application

Name of Applicant_____________________
Student ID___________________

Mailing Address_____________________________________________

Work Telephone_____________ Home Telephone___________ Cell #__________

Grant requested for: (select one)
□ Tuition Assistance
□ Book/Educational Supplies
□ Conference/Educational Event Attendance
□ Medical Emergency
□ Other (Please specify)___________________________________

• Marital Status:  □ Single  □ Married  □ Separated  □ Divorced
• Number of Dependents/Children ________
• Semester/Year admitted to Eastern______ Major/Program of Study__________
• G.P.A.____________
• Dollar amount you are requesting_________________
• Do you have an undergraduate baccalaureate degree? □ Yes  □ No
• If you are receiving financial assistance from another source, please specify:
____________________________________________________
• Have you received a grant from the Louise Guarnaccia Fund?  □ Yes □ No, If yes, when__________

ELIGIBILITY & NECESSARY APPLICATION MATERIAL:
• Be an Eastern matriculated female student aged 23 or older with documented financial need □ Yes □ No
• Reside in the Windham County towns of Ashford, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Mansfield, Scotland, Stafford, Union and Willington, or Willimantic/Windham. □ Yes □ No
• Be registered during the semester you are requesting a grant □ Yes □ No
• Must have filed a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form with Eastern Connecticut State University http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/ or are submitting most recent Federal tax return with grant application □ Yes □ No
• Are submitting a TYPED narrative describing your financial need and how receiving a grant would help both meet that need and your educational goals. Please include invoices, estimates, etc., from established businesses as supportive documentation. □ Yes □ No

Return completed application with supportive documentation via email to:
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