

FAQ for Undergraduate Grant Applications

Who is eligible for an undergraduate Rose McGill Grant?

Only initiated members are eligible for grants. Associate and alumna members are not eligible in most cases. Alumna members should review alumna grants ([insert link](#)).

What is the difference between Rose McGill Confidential Aid and an undergraduate emergency assistance grant?

The primary difference between the grants is the amount of aid available and the supporting documentation required.

Emergency assistance is intended to address an urgent, concrete situation that a member is experiencing that puts them at risk for discontinuing school. Confidential aid is designed to address an unexpected catastrophe of a financial nature facing the member or their family that puts them at risk for leaving school.

Am I eligible for a disaster relief grant?

Undergraduates may apply for an emergency assistance grant to address losses related to natural disasters (e.g., hurricanes, tornados, wildfires, floods, etc.).

Are undergraduates eligible for medical grants?

Yes. However, medical grants are intended for instances when a member is hospitalized or facing a serious/terminal illness. Other situations may fit better into an emergency assistance grant.

Can I apply for more than one type of grant at the same time?

A member can apply for both an emergency assistance grant as well as a confidential aid grant in the same term but can only receive one of each per school year.

Can I apply if I have received a grant in the past?

Yes. Receiving one in a past school year does not disqualify you from receiving another in the current year.

Can I apply for financial assistance and a Kappa Foundation scholarship in the same semester?

Yes. Members are encouraged to apply for a scholarship (either need based or merit based). Receiving a grant or scholarship will not impact eligibility for the other as they are separate programs.

Can I use a Rose McGill Grant to pay my Kappa dues?

No. Rose McGill Grants cannot be used to pay Kappa dues, fees or other obligations. They may only be used for living expenses, tuition, medical expenses or other basic needs.

Is there a deadline to apply for a grant?

Applications are considered on a rolling basis. You must be initiated into Kappa, in school with a full-time course load, and in good standing with your chapter.

Why do you ask for my parent's financial information?

Confidential aid grants are based on an assessment of need, which is based on the resources you have available to you. We assume that your parents/guardians are providing some financial support to you and we require documents to verify their resources. We understand that a tax return may not be an accurate indication of current income, but it does help understand the change in circumstances you are experiencing.

For income, a paystub is best. For expenses, a rent agreement or mortgage statement along with recent individual bills/statements for utilities, car payment, phone, cable, credit cards, etc., would be good. Sometimes, it is easiest to provide a recent bank statement that shows your income and expenses. Please black out your bank account number and/or social security number on any statements and Social Security information on tax returns.

Can I apply if I have previously received a Kappa Foundation scholarship?

Yes. The Kappa Kappa Gamma scholarship program is a separate program from the Rose McGill Grant program.

Will my application be considered if my references do not submit their letters?

No. Incomplete applications, including missing supporting documents, will not be considered.

I'm planning on studying abroad. Will I still be considered for a grant?

No. You must be a full-time student at your home university during the period of your grant.

Who should I list as my reference?

You should list a person who is familiar with the situation that is causing your financial difficulty. They do not need to know the specifics of your finances and will not be asked about that. Your reference should not be a family member. It does not have to be a Kappa. Although, the fact that Kappas are familiar with the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation and Rose McGill is helpful. Please contact your reference to ask their permission and to let them know that someone will be calling them.

What is the process for determining the grant and how long does it take?

We aim to complete the process and disperse funds within two weeks of receiving a completed application. Once a member submits a completed application, a committee member will reach out to talk with them more about their situation and our procedures. The references listed in the application will be checked and a determination will be made by the committee. The exact timeline can vary depending on the responsiveness of the applicant and references.