



Grant Application

Academic Year 2016-2017

Merancas Foundation Emergency Hardship Application

This GPTC Foundation Program was established to assist currently enrolled GPTC students who are in an emergency situation and at risk of not continuing their education due to unexpected financial dilemmas i.e. Medical Emergency, Victim of a Crime, Natural Disaster, Transportation failure and etc. within the last three months. A student may be assisted through the emergency fund one time only! Funds awarded will be limited to a maximum of \$300 per student.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must submit a completed and signed Scholarship Application, including the required essay and return to the Institution Counselor.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled and have a cumulative 2.0 minimum grade point average or higher.
- Applicants must present a written recommendation from an instructor whom can speak to the academic competencies of the applicant to complete his/her degree or diploma. All recommendations require the original signature of the instructor.
- Applicants must be pursuing a degree or diploma program of study.
- Applicants must have completed a minimum of 18 credit hours at GPTC and provide proof of registration.
- Student must demonstrate “emergency” financial need and not be a recipient of this fund in the past.
- A student cannot be on Financial Suspension (less than 67% completion)
- Applicants must submit an “unofficial” copy of transcript and financial aid award letter.
- Applicants must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and demonstrate financial need (to be verified by Financial Aid office).
- If awarded, recipient must attend the Scholarship Luncheon held in May.
- If awarded, recipient must send acknowledgement letter to scholarship provider

Mail or drop off your completed application to:

**Georgia Piedmont Technical College Foundation
Office of Institutional Advancement
Attn: Dr. Tony Neal, Vice President of Institutional
Advancement / Executive Director
Georgia Piedmont Technical College Foundation
495 N. Indian Creek Drive
Clarkston, GA 30021**

Scholarship selection may be based on one of the following: grade point average, financial need, leadership, community involvement, recommendations, response to the essay question.

Questions?

Visit gptc.edu or call 404-297-9522 ext. 1753
Email: nealwa@gptc.edu

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: (Mr., Ms., and Mrs.) _____ Student ID: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip) (County)

Email (1): _____ Email (2): _____

Telephone (Home): _____ (Cell): _____ Date of Birth: _____

ENROLLMENT STATUS

I am a currently enrolled Full-time student at GPTC I am a currently enrolled Part-time student at GPTC

Current Program of Study: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Check one: Certificate Diploma Degree

How many credit hours have you completed towards your current Program of Study? _____ Credit Hours
(Do not include courses that do not apply to your registered Program of Study)

Have you applied or are you currently receiving other types of financial aid? Yes No

If yes, please indicate the amount you have been awarded or expect to receive:

HOPE: _____ PELL: _____
Employee Benefits: _____ Veterans Benefits: _____

SIGNATURE

I understand that I must be accepted for admission to Georgia Piedmont Technical College (GPTC) to be considered for a scholarship. I authorize release of my financial and academic information to the scholarship selection committee and scholarship donors, if appropriate, for the scholarship for which I am applying. I understand that my name, if selected for a scholarship, may be publicized.

*I understand that the **Merancas Foundation Emergency Hardship Application** scholarship funds may be used for books and pre-approved academic-related supplies purchased at the Georgia Piedmont Technical College Bookstore only. **Scholarship funds will not be distributed directly to the student.** I understand that funds are to be used solely for the benefit of the scholarship recipient and that the criteria or scholarship amounts are subject to change. I must maintain any GPA or program requirements for the duration of the semester and must remain enrolled while utilizing funds. I further understand that this is a one-time emergency hardship fund!*

I certify that the information submitted on this application is accurate and I am prepared to document this information if requested.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
(Unsigned applications will not be considered.)



Required Essay / Statement:

Attach a essay / statement addressing your needs (no more than two pages in length, please) and attach any pertinent documents that support your request (copies of college tuition statement, bookstore printout, copies of bills, copies of workshop registration fees, etc.) Your essay / statement must be typed and addresses all bullet points listed below.

In your statement, please tells us:

- What are the circumstances that brought you to apply for the Foundation Emergency Fund Scholarship?
- What are the funds to be used for? State to whom or to what organization / company you need the forms for. Also include the mailing address of person or company.
- What other types of assistance have you sought?
- What will you do to cover such expenses in the future?
- How will this award allow you to continue your education and help you achieve your goals?

Application Checklist

- ___ Completed Application Form
- ___ Documentation of need (receipts, bills, etc.)
- ___ Recommendation letter from Faculty
- ___ Essay / Statement
- ___ Any other supporting documentation

*** Failure to complete all application requirements will result in an application that will not be considered.**

The information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I have exhausted all other means of financial support. The college and foundation review committees and staff have my permission to inquire further into my need for financial assistance, by signing, I authorize faculty and staff at Georgia Piedmont Technical College to provide additional information regarding my current and previous academic records and financial aid applications and/or awards.

Student Signature

Date

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