Student Assistance for Emergencies (SAFE) Application

It is the intent of Dillard University to educate students not only about their chosen field of study but also about how to successfully navigate through their chosen field obtaining skills that will adequately prepare them for their careers. Dillard University is committed to assisting students with their financial responsibility toward their education and with some of the assistance comes an educational requirement.

In 2013, recognizing a need to provide assistance for students who are in jeopardy of not returning or not graduating, Dr. Walter Kimbrough created the Student Aid for Emergencies (SAFE) fund. The sole purpose of SAFE is to provide essential financial assistance to meet the need of students attending Dillard University who are at risk of not attending or not graduating due to an unpaid balance to Dillard University. SAFE is supported only through Dillard’s faithful friends, alumni and foundations who believe in the mission of Dillard University and are dedicated to assisting students achieve a higher education. SAFE is not supported by any institutional funds. **Submission of the SAFE Assistance Application does not guarantee the awarding of funds. SAFE is not intended to replace the families’ obligation to honor payment toward a student's financial obligation to Dillard University**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- **GPA:** 2.0+
- **MAJOR:** Open
- **GRADE LEVEL:** Open
- **VALUE:** Maximum Award not to exceed $5,000 for the academic year

**Other Eligibility Requirements:**

- Students must have an unpaid balance due to the institution and have no other readily available sources of support as determined by the university’s Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. All eligibility Title IV aid programs must be exhausted before SAFE is considered.
- Students with a demonstrated high need (based on FAFSA) will be given preference

SAFE funds are not meant for a student to receive a profit. Funds will be utilized to help cover a student’s balance after all other federal, state, and/or institutional aid has been exhausted. **In most cases, SAFE will not cover 100% of a student’s balance.** Under no circumstance shall a student receive a refund that is a result of SAFE funds being awarded. To receive a refund, i.e. from a student loan or Pell grant, all SAFE funds must be returned.

**Application Procedures**

- **Fall Deadline – November 1**
- **Spring Deadline – April 1**

Before receiving assistance, recipients of SAFE funds must fulfill at least two (2) of the following requirements. These requirements vary from attending various campus events that include a combination of lectures, academic success workshops or financial literacy workshops. The activities must take place in the academic year in which the assistance is applied for.

1. Attend an approved academic success or financial literacy workshop i.e. tutoring session, college fair. **OR**
2. Complete a minimum of four (4) courses within the SALT online software. **AND**
3. Attend an approved campus event, i.e. Brain Food, theatre production

The approved activities were selected because these events will offer you the opportunity to enhance your academic experience at Dillard University. Note that the academic success or financial literacy workshop is mandatory for all students.

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Your Dillard University email address will be the official mode of communication for this program.

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**Area 1: Academic Enhancement Workshop or Financial Literacy Workshop**

Select an academic enhancement workshop provided by Student Support Services or a Financial Literacy Workshop. The academic success workshops you attend should not only interest you, but should also correspond with an area of need or interest.

1. Attend the workshop and confirm your attendance by signing the attendance sheet.

2. Following the attendance of the workshop, complete the [SAFE Grant Reflection form](mailto:financialaid@dillard.edu).

3. Email the completed reflection form to financialaid@dillard.edu with SAFE REFLECTION FORM and your first name initial and last name in the subject line. For example, SAFE REFLECTION FORM, J. Smith – 312345 (your student ID)

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**Area 2: Complete the SALT courses**

**What is SALT?**
Throughout your time here at Dillard University, you have access to SALT, a free online learning program that offers you advice for managing your time and money wisely while on campus and after graduation.

**How do I access SALT?**
Click on [www.saltmoney.org/dillarduniversity](http://www.saltmoney.org/dillarduniversity) to access the log in instructions. Don’t forget to follow all of the instructions and submit the information at the conclusion.

1. Choose four (4) courses to complete. The SALT courses you choose should not only interest you, but should also correspond with an area of need or interest. A certificate will be provided to you online once you’ve completed the courses you must submit a copy of certificate to the financial aid office.

2. Email the completed (4) SALT courses to financialaid@dillard.edu along with your SAFE REFLECTION FORM. Please make sure to add SAFE REFLECTION FORM and your first name initial and last name in the subject line with student ID. For example, SAFE REFLECTION FORM, J. Smith – 312345 (your student ID)

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**Area 3: Campus Event**

Select an event such as one of the Brain Food lectures or University theatre production

1. Attend the event and confirm your attendance at the conclusion of the event by identifying a representative on the Brain Food Street Team and swiping your DU ID card.

2. Following the attendance of the campus event, complete this [SAFE Grant Reflection form](mailto:financialaid@dillard.edu).

3. Email the completed reflection form to financialaid@dillard.edu with SAFE REFLECTION FORM and your first name initial and last name in the subject line with student ID. For example, SAFE REFLECTION FORM, J Smith – 312645 (your student ID)

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SAFE GRANT REFLECTION FORM

Name: ____________________________ DU ID: ____________________________

Type of Event (lecture, academic success workshop or financial literacy workshop):

Name of Event:

Date and location of Event:

Explain why you chose to attend this particular event:

Describe the event. (What was the overall premise or purpose of the event? Was it well organized? Was it informative? Was it entertaining/educational?)

What did you learn about the topic that you did not know before? (name 2 things)

How will you use the information presented in the event?

By submitting this form, I certify that I have completed this assignment in the intended manner, that it is not a repeated submission, and that my work is honest and sincere. In addition, I understand that submission of this form does not guarantee receipt of SAFE funds.

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