



2021-2022 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 financial assistance to Dillard University students who are at risk of not attending or not graduating due to an unpaid balance. 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 application does not guarantee the awarding of funds. SAFE is not intended to replace any obligation to honor payment toward a student's financial obligation to the university. NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED FROM THIS AWARD: SAFE funds are not meant for a student to receive a profit.** *Note: Students wishing to join a Greek letter organization should familiarize themselves with the Greek policy as relates to the use of SAFE funds for fiscal clearance. SAFE funds cannot be considered in the determination of fiscal clearance for the purpose of membership intake for a Greek letter organization.*

Eligibility Requirements:

GPA: 2.0+ **MAJOR:** Open
GRADE LEVEL: Open **VALUE:** Maximum Award not to exceed \$5,000 for the academic year (depending on balance)

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 eligible Title IV programs must be exhausted before SAFE is considered (Note: A dependent student's parent must apply for the PLUS before a student can be considered).
- Students whose parent is denied the PLUS will be given consideration.
- Students with a demonstrated high need (based on the FAFSA results) will be given preference.

Conditions: Funds will be utilized to *help* cover a student's balance after all other federal, state, institutional, and external 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. If an adjustment to cost/fees occurs, or if an additional scholarship or funding (award) is added to the student's award package (i.e. Federal Work-Study, Student Loans, Pell Grant, etc.) and the award(s) create a refund, then all SAFE funds must be cancelled, returned or reduced dollar-for-dollar.

Application Procedures

Fall Deadline – November 30

Spring Deadline – April 30

Before receiving assistance, recipients of SAFE funds must adhere to the requirements listed below. All activities must take place in the academic year in which the assistance is being requested.

1. **Create/update an UNCF Profile at www.uncf.org AND apply for the UNCF General Scholarship**
2. Attend an approved academic success or financial literacy workshop i.e. tutoring session, college fair. **OR**
3. Complete a minimum of one (1) course with AIE - www.aie.org/coaching schedule an appointment. **AND**
4. Attend an approved campus event (in-person or virtual), i.e. Brain Food, theatre production, etc.

The approved activities were selected because these events will offer you the opportunity to enhance your academic experience.

This application can be submitted prior to you attending and completing items 2, 3 and/or 4 Reflection Papers.

Note: The academic success or financial literacy workshop is mandatory for all students.

This is to acknowledge that I have read and understand the requirements, conditions and procedures of the SAFE Award. SAFE funds will not post to the student's account until ALL requirements are satisfied and submitted to Financial Aid.

Student's Signature

Printed Name

Student ID #

Date

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

YOU MUST WRITE A REFLECTION SHEET FOR EACH EVENT!

Area 2: Academic Success 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 REFLECTION FORM**
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.**

Example: SAFE REFLECTION FORM, J. Smith – 312345 (your student ID)

OR

Area 3: Complete the AIE courses

What is AIE?

Throughout your time here at Dillard University, you have access to AIE, a free financial learning program that offers you advice for managing your money, credit, budgeting, understanding the financial aid process, repayment conditions, and more while on campus and after graduation.

How do I access AIE?

Click on www.aie.org/coaching to schedule an appointment. Don't forget to follow all of the instructions and submit the information and certificate at the conclusion. **A session completed in a prior award year cannot be used.**

1. Choose and attend at least one (1) course to complete. The AIE 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 and you must submit a copy of certificate to the financial aid office.
2. Email recently attended/completed AIE course certificate to financialaid@dillard.edu with **SAFE REFLECTION FORM** and your **first name initial and last name in the subject line.**

Example: SAFE REFLECTION FORM, J. Smith – 312345 (your student ID)

AND

Area 4: Campus Event (Virtual or In-Person)

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 Team and swiping your DU ID card if it is an on campus event.
2. Following the attendance of the campus event, complete the **SAFE Grant Reflection form.**
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.**

Example: SAFE REFLECTION FORM, J Smith – 312645 (your student ID)



SAFE REFLECTION FORM

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Name:

DU Student ID:

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

Name of Event:

Date and Location of Event:

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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?

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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.