



Emergency Aid Decision Tree

Is it a case for emergency aid, a financial aid appeal, or a case for wraparound services?

Use this decision tree as a guide for your campus-wide collaborative efforts to develop or refine your emergency aid program's policies and practices.

These paths may depend on earlier decisions you have made for your emergency aid program, such as:

- What office(s) will administer the program
- Your level of emergency and financial aid funding
- The **type(s)** of funding you decide to offer, and your application process.

Not every suggested path is a stand-alone option. Your institution might choose to deploy more than one path in conjunction to fully meet a student's needs.

Alternatives to complement or substitute for any of the paths offered here should include:

- [Non-cash assistance](#)
- Thorough advising about transfer options
- Thorough advising about taking a temporary leave from school to save money
- Financial literacy and budgeting education



• Ensure that a process exists with business office for getting funds into students' hands quickly.

• Ensure that a process exists to "close the loop" with all parties involved in the student's emergency aid request.