

MSU BILLINGS FINANCIAL RESOURCES

FINANCIAL AID

COVID-19 and Work Study Update

The Department of Education has released guidance to schools regarding whether students can continue to submit timesheets for scheduled hours in the event that a school does not close but moves all classes to an online format. They CAN!

According to the Department of Education, the student can be paid for the Federal Work Study (or Montana Work Study) hours he, she, or they were scheduled to work for the spring semester. Per ED, the school can have the student submit a timesheet for the hours he or she was scheduled to work and pay Work Study wages based on that.

It is important that students do NOT submit timesheets for hours in excess of their normally scheduled hours. If a student worker does not have scheduled hours, students can be paid at the average number of hours the student has worked so far this spring term.

For more information visit <https://www.msubillings.edu/finaid/>

EMERGENCY PANTRY

What does the Yellowjacket Emergency Pantry offer?

The Yellowjacket Emergency Pantry currently provides food, hygiene, and school supplies to all students at Montana State University Billings. We also work as advocates to connect students to additional student support services.

Who can use the Yellowjacket Emergency Pantry?

Any student enrolled at Montana State University Billings, can use the Yellowjacket Emergency Pantry. Students can use the pantry up to three times per semester. However, if students require additional support, we can make arrangements on a case by case basis.

For more information and to set up an appointment visit

<https://www.msubillings.edu/engagement/engage-community/pantry.htm>

CRISIS FUND

The Montana State University Billings' Student Crisis fund has been established to help currently enrolled students on the path to academic success during a personal and unexpected crisis or hardship. Whether they need to replace personal belongings after a devastating fire, cannot afford necessary prescriptions, or are unable to pay for an emergency medical procedure, the fund provides financial assistance. Through this fund, students discover the very essence of the Yellowjacket community. We provide care and support beyond counseling and community.

For more information and to apply visit <https://www.msubillings.edu/seesomething/funds.htm>

COMMUNITY FINANCIAL RESOURCES

This list of available financial resources is provided to assist students. Inclusion on this list is not an endorsement by MSU Billings.

HRDC COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

HRDC serves vulnerable populations in the community. The mission of the HRDC is to restore HOPE, by extending RESPECT, encouraging individuals to DREAM of a better future, and ultimately CHANGE the economic landscape of our communities.

For more information visit <https://hrdc7.org/about/>

MONTANA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Unemployment Insurance is a joint state-federal program that provides cash benefits to eligible workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own.

For more information and to apply visit <http://uid.dli.mt.gov/>

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is the largest federal nutrition assistance program. SNAP provides benefits to eligible low-income individuals and families via an Electronic Benefits Transfer card. This card can be used as a debit card to purchase eligible food in authorized retail food stores.

For more information and to apply visit <https://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/SNAP>

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

TANF cash assistance is a program providing temporary financial assistance to needy families.

For more information visit <https://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/tanf/tanfeligibility>

211

211 can be accessed by phone or computer. A toll-free call to 211 connects you to a community resource specialist in your area who can put you in touch with local organizations that provide critical services that can improve—and save—lives. All calls are private and confidential. You'll find information about: supplemental food and nutrition programs, shelter and housing options, utilities assistance, emergency information and disaster relief, and more.