

Golden Rule Student Assistance Fund

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The *Golden Rule Student Assistance Fund* was established to prevent an emergency or unexpected expense from disrupting a student's academic journey or performance.

Claremont Lincoln University is committed to making online education affordable and accessible, which is why the *Golden Rule Student Assistance Fund* was formed to provide financial assistance to currently enrolled students who are unable to afford immediate, essential expenses because of temporary hardship related to an unexpected emergency situation.

The *Golden Rule Student Assistance Fund* is sustained by generous contributions from individual donors, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of Claremont Lincoln University. **The number of students benefiting from the *Golden Rule Student Assistance Fund* is limited to the availability of funds.**

Q: How do I apply for the Golden Rule Student Assistance Fund?

A: Students must complete the [APPLICATION](#) and currently be enrolled in one of CLU's graduate degree programs. Please note: Additional documentation may be requested by the selection committee prior to award approval.

Q: What is the value of my scholarship?

A: Award amount is based on need and will be determined by individual circumstances. **The award amount is applied as a reduction toward tuition costs and will not result in a credit balance issued to the student. Awards will not be issued in the form of a cash payment.** Please note: Students may apply for up to \$1,000 in assistance. Typical award size is \$250-500, with occasional consideration for larger awards given to extreme circumstances.

Q: How do I receive my scholarship funds?

A: Scholarship funds are applied to your student account in one lump sum. Scholarship funds can only be used toward tuition costs and do not carry any cash value.

Q: What if my scholarship doesn't cover my entire cost of tuition?

A: Your scholarship will not cover your full program tuition costs. You will need to work with the Office of Student Financial Services to select how you would like to fund the balance of your tuition. Some of the ways students can elect to pay tuition charges include securing student loans through Title IV federal financial aid, making cash payments, applying for private loans through the lender of their choice, employer tuition reimbursement programs, or by finding additional scholarship or grant programs for which they may be eligible. If you have questions about your options for funding your graduate education, you may request an appointment with the Office of Student Financial Services at financialaid@claremontlincoln.edu

Please contact goldenrulefund@claremontlincoln.edu with any questions.