



# DCCCD Emergency Aid Fund

## Investment in Emergency Aid: \$400,000

We know that the academic challenges our students face are only part of the overall student experience. With almost 24,000 DCCCD students living in poverty we recognize that sometimes those challenges impact our students' ability to proceed with their education.

The DCCCD Emergency Aid Fund assists DCCCD students who are on the verge of suspending their educational pursuits when financial emergencies arise. Many of these students encounter issues that cause them to choose between covering their educational expenses or paying for basic necessities such as food, shelter, health care, or transportation.

We frequently hear stories from our faculty that students have to make a choice between buying a textbook or keeping their lights on at home. Many of these emergencies for our students amount to a very small sum of money - \$50 to \$100 – and can make the difference in a student staying enrolled or dropping out.

The primary objective of the DCCCD Emergency Aid Fund is to increase our retention rates of those students who stop or drop out due to emergencies such as lack of funds to cover food, shelter, utilities, daycare fees, etc.

For more information, contact DCCCD at the link below:

<https://www.foundation.dcccd.edu/emergency-aid-fund>