

SDA STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND

Students at the USC School of Dramatic Arts (SDA) are facing unprecedented challenges and financial hardships because of the recent pandemic.

Many of our students are experiencing unforeseen circumstances such as a sudden loss of income, resulting in an inability to pay tuition or meet basic food needs. In response, the School has created the SDA Student Emergency Fund to direct important resources to those who find themselves with urgent financial needs. The Fund will provide our students with the support they need so they can stay focused on their education.



The SDA Student Emergency Fund provides emergency aid for areas including the following:

- Food insecurity
- Unforeseen Travel Expenses
- Emergency Tuition
- Housing instability
- Access to necessary technology as required for remote learning and course participation

Although the School has created this Fund in response to the recent pandemic, creating a permanent Fund that provides emergency aid to students has always been a significant priority for Dean David Bridel. The current and long-term goal is to prevent unexpected hardship from derailing a student's academic and artistic journey at SDA.

SDA students in need will work with the School's Student Advising Office to apply for emergency financial support awarded through this established Fund. A vetted application process has been created that will describe the student's

specific needs. These awards are not intended to cover full-tuition expenses, but rather serve as bridge Funding to guarantee students' continued enrollment at USC.

Donations to the SDA Student Emergency Fund will directly support eligible students' most urgent needs as they adapt to changing circumstances. The assistance this Fund will provide has the potential to have a truly transformational impact on the lives of our young student artists.

The USC School of Dramatic Arts is asking for support at this time to launch this vital Fund. By making a commitment, you will play an essential role in helping members of the SDA student community who need it the most.

For information about the Fund, please contact Director of Development, Kimberly Muhlbach at muhlbach@usc.edu or 831.566.6111