



Student Relief Fund Impact Report

Thank you.

Being part of the Western community connects us with a network of leaders and innovators who celebrate each other's achievements and collaborate to overcome challenges. The Professional & Managerial Association has demonstrated this incredible community spirit time and again through its many contributions to Western.

Your support of the Student Relief Fund is a wonderful example of how PMA staff impact the success and wellness of students.

Thank you for the PMA's bold leadership and extraordinary generosity in making an important contribution to this initiative.

Your Impact

Thanks to the PMA and other donors, along with a significant commitment from the University, Western established the Student Relief Fund in response to the unprecedented need for student emergency financial support as a result of COVID-19.

Each application was reviewed individually, and a special committee was established to allocate support to students during the month of April and into early May – with a focus on students who did not qualify for other bursary or government support programs such as the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB).

- **5,460** applicants
- **\$2.6 million** awarded
- **3,383** students received support
- **\$1,000** awarded to students with the most pressing needs related to food, housing and healthcare
- **\$500** awarded to students for living expenses, impact of travel, access to technology, and other unforeseen circumstances

Western News profiled the outcome of the Student Relief Fund, its effect on students and the role of donors like the PMA. [Relief Fund Eases Pandemic Burden for Thousands of Students](#)

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