

Survivor Fund FAQs

To help you decide if you should apply for funding, let us answer some of your questions.



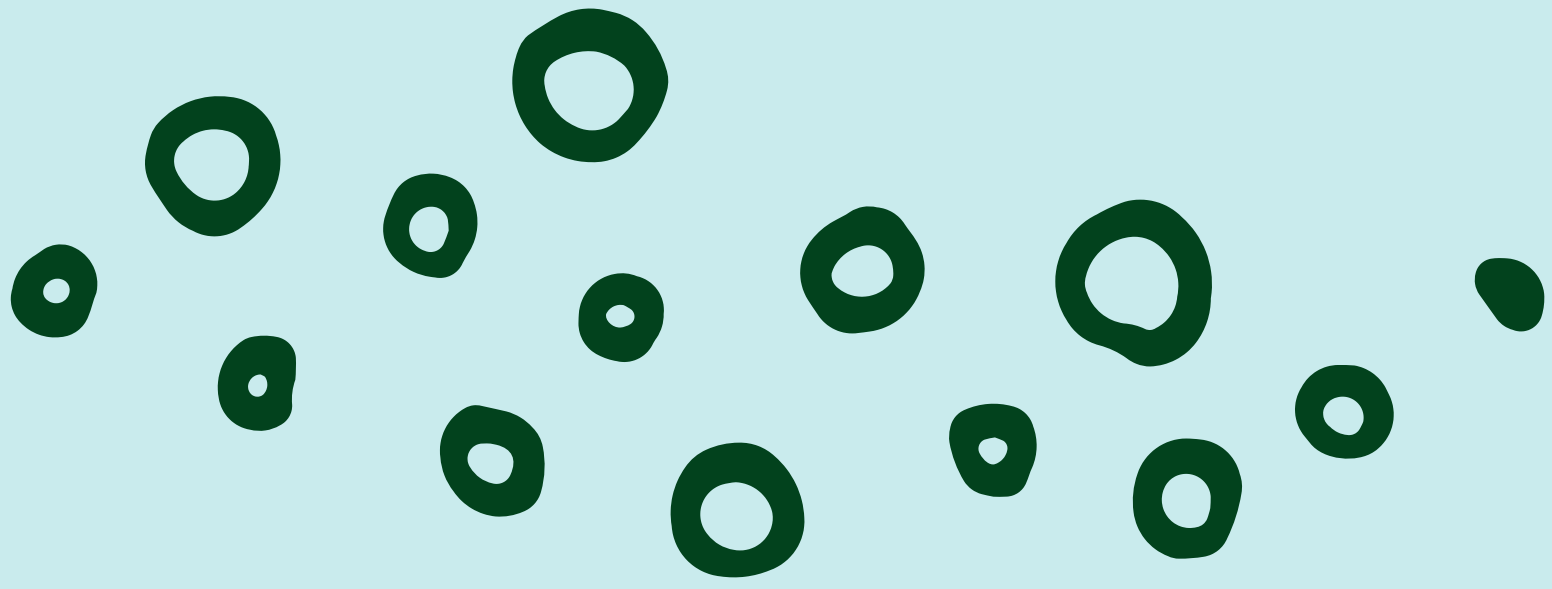
Who is eligible to apply to the fund?

- Anyone in the GEOC bargaining unit who has experienced sexual violence at any time in their life
- All GTAs and GSAs at Wayne State University
- There are no time constraints



What is "sexual violence?"

- Any experience of sexual assault, stalking, harassment, or domestic violence
- Unwanted sexual touching, attempted or completed rape, verbal harassment, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, or physical abuse.
- Can be caused by anyone (faculty, staff, another student, partners, family, friends, peers, acquaintances, etc.)
- If you aren't sure if your experience meets this definition, **apply anyways!**
- No two experiences of trauma look the exact same.



Is there a statute of limitations on when the sexual violence occurred?

- No! We acknowledge that sexual violence can affect a person at any time in their lives and that the path to healing looks different for every person.
- If you have experienced sexual violence at any time prior-to or during your time at WSU, you are eligible to receive funding.


How many times can I apply to the fund?

- You can receive funding up to three times total.
- You are not guaranteed a full three years of funding if you are funded once, but you can continue to apply.




What if I don't receive funding the first time I apply?

- You can opt-in to be automatically enrolled into the next cycle of applications.
- Not receiving funding is in no way an indicator of how valid your experience is. Our funds are limited and in high demand. We aim to provide funding to as many folks as possible.
- If something happens and you need funding fast, we hope to have an option for emergency funds soon!



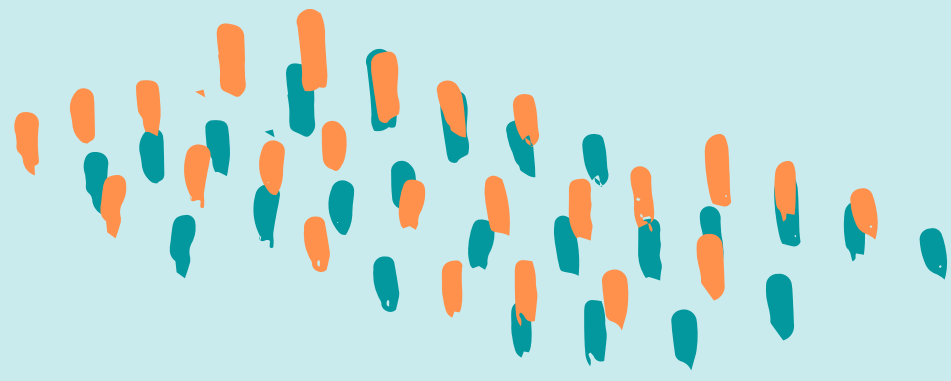
Do I have to disclose my experience of sexual violence in order to apply?

- No! We believe you!
 - If you would like to formally report your incident, please go to titleix.wayne.edu.
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How many people receive the fund every year?

- The number of accepted applicants each year is based on available funds.
- During this inaugural application cycle we will distribute \$1,000 to 5 individual applicants.
- We are in the process of increasing our funds and plan to offer support multiple times throughout the calendar year as well as emergency funding for time-sensitive issues.





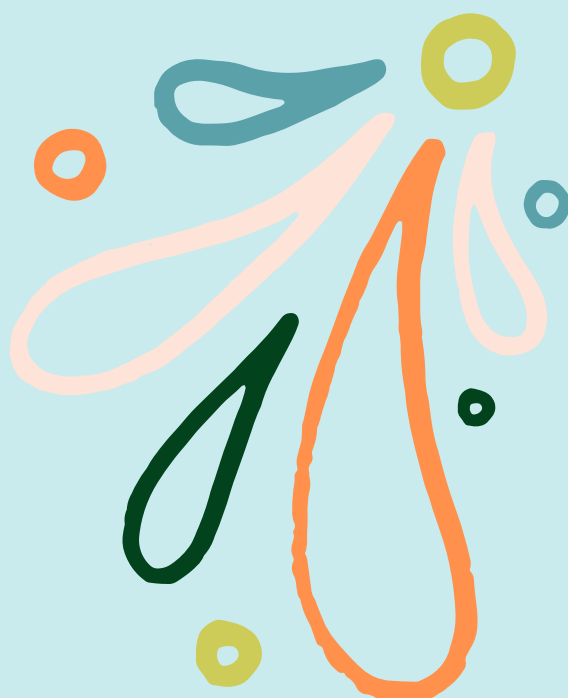
How are applicants selected for funding?

- Applicants are selected on a rolling basis except in cases of extreme need.
- Applicants are NOT selected based on violence “severity”
- Every experience of sexual violence is unique and cannot be compared because everyone reacts to trauma differently.
- Our goal is to do our part by giving back to survivors and offer financial support to those who ask.



How much money will I receive if I am funded?

- If we are able to fund you this year, you will receive \$1,000 at a flat rate.
- You do not have to report back to us about how you spend your funding, the money is yours!





What can I spend the funding on?

- Anything you want.
 - You can use the funds for services such as healthcare, therapy, counseling, legal fees, or other self-care practices.
 - There will be no oversight on how funds are spent by survivors and we acknowledge that the path to healing looks different for everyone.
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