



**Submission Deadline:** February 15th 2021

**Who Can Apply:** Current (Winter 2021) GTAs and GSAs at WSU

**How to Apply:** Complete the below form and email to [GEOCsurvivorfund@gmail.com](mailto:GEOCsurvivorfund@gmail.com)

**Amount Potentially Given:** \$1,000

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### **Fund Description**

Thank you for trusting GEOC and applying for financial support. This fund is brand-new and we are so excited to be able to redistribute funds to survivors of sexual violence in our union membership. **This application is open to all current (Winter 2021) GTAs and GSAs at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan.**

During this inaugural application cycle (January 1, 2021 - February 15, 2021) GEOC has allotted \$5,000 for the fund. This means that **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.

GEOC's committee for sexual violence will be in charge of reviewing and assigning fund distribution. A single person in the committee will be in charge of receiving the applications and will ensure maximum privacy and anonymity to protect survivor identities.

### **Requirements of the Fund**

- Current (Winter 2021) GTA or GSA at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan
- Survivor of Sexual Violence (as defined below)
- Email completed application to [GEOCsurvivorfund@gmail.com](mailto:GEOCsurvivorfund@gmail.com) by **February 15th, 2021**

For our purposes, **we are defining “sexual violence” as:**

“any experience of sexual assault, stalking, harassment, or domestic violence. This includes, but is not limited to, unwanted sexual touching, attempted or completed rape, verbal harassment, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, or physical abuse. Sexual violence can be caused by anyone—including, but not limited to, faculty, staff, another student, partners, family, friends, peers, acquaintances, etc.”

If you have ever experienced any of these forms of sexual violence you are eligible for this fund. If you aren't sure if your experience meets this definition, apply anyway. No two experiences of trauma look the exact same. There are no time or location constraints. We rely on a system of good faith. We will not place the burden of proof on survivors. The funds can be used 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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### **Application for Survivors of Sexual Violence**

Legal Name:	Access ID:
Preferred Name:	Pronouns:
Email:	Department:
Address:	Program Year:
Phone #:	GTA or GSA:
How do you prefer to be contacted? (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call <input type="checkbox"/> Text <input type="checkbox"/> Email	

Funds will be distributed via check. (Check all that apply)

Mail is safe  Pick check up

*If you answered pick-up, we will contact you via your preferred method.*

**\*Now we are going to ask some specific questions**

We ask that if your experience of sexual violence occurred on campus or involved a Wayne State community member that you **do not disclose details about the incident in this application**. As employees of WSU, we are contractually obligated to report any incident of sexual violence to the Title IX Director. **If you would like to report your incident, please go to [titleix.wayne.edu](http://titleix.wayne.edu).**

1. Because our funds are limited and in high demand, it is possible that we may be unable to fund you this cycle. If you are not given funds during this cycle, would you like to be automatically re-entered into the next funding session?  

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2. Please describe your current financial situation. For example, do you live in a single-income household? Do you financially support others? What is your funding situation? Please include any information you see fit to share.?
3. If we are able to give you funding, please briefly describe what you would potentially use the funds for. We ask this question for our own data to ensure that we are meeting a broad range of needs. You and your experience will not be judged based on your answer.

4. We are in the process of collecting additional resources for survivors (financial resources, counseling groups, etc.). Do you consent to be contacted via email in the future about your experience with the fund and/or additional opportunities for support? You can change your answer to this at any time by emailing us.

5. What are some potential ways in which you might spend this funding? Again, this is not to judge your needs or experience of violence. This is for our own data. Check all that apply.

Medical/healthcare

Counseling/mental health support

Counseling

Legal fees

Lost wages

Self-care practices

Other

### **Expected Review and Response Time**

The GEOC Anti-Sexual Violence Committee will do its absolute best to review all applications and communicate the results by **April 5th, 2021**. We recognize that some claims may be time sensitive. As our fund expands, we plan to have financial support set aside for emergencies that do not adhere to regular deadlines. Please bear with us as we learn how to make this process work as best as it possibly can.

**Please sign to certify that all information presented in this application is accurate to the best of your knowledge:**

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Signature

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Date

Please email this completed application form to [GEOCsurvivorfund@gmail.com](mailto:GEOCsurvivorfund@gmail.com)

Thank you for your trust.

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All WSU graduate students are welcome as members. Only members who are covered by the  
GEOC contract (GTAs and GSAs) are charged dues.  
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