

Cumberland Law Student Emergency Assistance Fund (“LEAF”)

The Cumberland Law Student Emergency Assistance Fund (“LEAF”) assists any Cumberland law student who has an immediate financial hardship from an emergency, accident, or other unexpected critical incident including hardship related to COVID-19.

If you are a student in need, please go to <https://www.samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/student-resources> to complete the LEAF application. An anonymous committee will work confidentially and quickly to review the application and make a determination.

Please note that in order to help as many students as possible, the funds awarded will not exceed \$500. Students may not apply to this fund and also the Samford University student emergency assistance fund. Once an application is approved by the LEAF committee, the award will be sent to Samford Financial Services for approval and distribution of the funds or disapproval due to financial aid limits, policies, and/or regulations.

This fund exists to support students in their time of need, so you are encouraged to apply if you are experiencing an emergency. If you have any questions regarding the application, LEAF, or need assistance otherwise, you are encouraged to contact Tona Hitson, Director of Student Services and ADA compliance, at thitson@samford.edu or (205)726-2222. Samford’s Counseling services are also available for you on a confidential basis and included in your law tuition. Those resources, among others, may be found at <https://www.samford.edu/departments/counseling/>.

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