MxCC Veterans OASIS Foundation Fund

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MxCC Veterans Assistance Fund - Policy and Procedures

The MxCC Veterans Assistance Fund is a program under which a registered student veteran who runs into financial problems and does not qualify for Federal, State, Local Assistance or the Soldier, Sailors, and Marine Corps Fund may come to the MxCC OASIS Center requesting financial help.

<u>Eligibility:</u> The applicant must be a veteran as defined by Federal law and possess a discharge under honorable conditions or on active duty and currently enrolled for 9+ hours at Middlesex Community College and have a commitment to overcoming hardship and serving others in their own lives. Members of the National Guard and Reserve are also eligible if they have the same criteria as listed above.

<u>Funding</u>: All funds received that are designated for the MxCC Veterans OASIS Foundation Fund shall be used only to assist student veterans in need.

Initial Application:

- To submit a request for the MxCC Veterans Assistance Fund, veteran needs to contact any MxCC Veterans Club Officer, Veteran Certifying or Service Officer. The person receiving the request will contact Peter Galgano Jr., Veterans Club Advisor and Veterans Outreach Coordinator, who will in turn contact the veteran to get further information.
- 2. The Veterans Club Advisor/ Veterans Outreach Coordinator will request the following information from the veteran: a copy of their DD-214 or final separation papers or proof of active duty, a description of the veteran's need, proof of class registration, and a copy of the bill or proposal, that the veteran is seeking assistance with.

Officers and Boards of Directors

- When the necessary detailed documentation is received, the Veterans Club Advisor/ Veterans Outreach Coordinator will go to the MxCC Veterans Club Officers for discussion and approval. If additional information is needed, the Veterans Club Advisor/ Veterans Outreach Coordinator will contact the veteran to obtain it. If the request is time sensitive, an emergency Veterans Club Officers meeting will be scheduled. If all are in agreement and it is an emergency, the request can be handled by email.
- 2. If approved by a positive two thirds vote of the Officers, a check will be written to the utility company or individual providing the service. At no time, will any check or funds be given directly to the veteran requesting assistance.
- 3. Assistance from the Fund is a onetime award.
- 4. If disapproved by the Officers, the veteran may request assistance in the future.
- 5. Awards are limited to up to \$500 for simple emergency assistance requests and up to \$1,000 for more complex requests. Simple requests can be handled by phone or email (must "reply all"). Complex requests must be handled by an in-person meeting.