

SAIC is committed to helping students connect to resources to make sure their basic needs are met. If you are not coming to campus or are living outside of Chicago, we have gathered local and nationwide resources related to finances, housing, internet, and health. In this brochure, you will find a short list of organizations, descriptions of their services, locations, and contact information.

For more resources, including food resources, visit [saic.edu/student-support](http://saic.edu/student-support).

If you need additional assistance, contact us at [studenthelp@saic.edu](mailto:studenthelp@saic.edu) or 312.629.6800.

We hope these resources are helpful. If you need help or have questions, contact us at [studenthelp@saic.edu](mailto:studenthelp@saic.edu).

We are here for you!

## HOUSING, INTERNET & FINANCIAL RESOURCES

# Housing



These resources are for students who are experiencing housing insecurity or homelessness. They include shelter information and may help provide urgent financial assistance for students facing hardships.

## Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

*[National]* offers long-term assistance for renters and homeowners and provides information for shelters.

## United Way

*[National]* offers crisis assistance ranging from food, housing, and health benefits.

## A Safe Haven Foundation

*[Local]* offers temporary and permanent housing solutions for seniors, and young adults in addition to support for job searching and drug and alcohol abuse.

## The Rental Assistance Program

*[Local]* provides financial assistance to Chicago residents in danger of eviction in order to stabilize individuals and families in their existing rental unit. Residents apply in the closest Community Service Centers:

**Garfield Center,**  
10 S. Kedzie Ave. Chicago, IL 60612,  
312.746.5400

**King Center,**  
4314 S. Cottage Grove Ave. Chicago, IL 60653,  
312.747.2300

**North Area,**  
845 W. Wilson Ave. Chicago, IL 60640,  
312.744.2580

## ShelterList.com

*[Local]* is an additional directory of local Chicago Shelter locations.

## La Casa Norte

*[Local]* is an organization that helps youths and families confronting homelessness.

# Internet



Below you will find a few internet providers who are offering special rates/promotions to support students, families, communities in response to COVID-19. Additionally, many local coffee shops and restaurants near you may offer free Wi-Fi service for their customers.

## Comcast

*[Internet]* Offers free WiFi for 2 months to low-income families & shares that all Xfinity hot-spots are free to the public during this time. Unlimited data at no extra charge. A map of all the hotspots can be found [here](#).

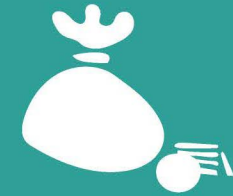
## Spectrum

*[Internet]* Offers free internet to students.

## AT&T

*[Mobile Service]* Offers open hot-spots, unlimited data, waived late fees, and \$10/mo plans to low-income families.

# Financial



These resources may help provide urgent financial assistance for students facing hardships. You may also contact Student Financial Services at [saic\\_sfs@saic.edu](mailto:saic_sfs@saic.edu).

## The Salvation Army

*[National]* offers assistance with rent/mortgage, utilities, medication, food, clothing, or transportation. The Salvation Army can offer long-term support to affected families/individuals as needed, including assistance with rent, utility payments due to unemployment. Chicagoland, Northern Illinois, or Northwest Indiana can request assistance through [this online referral form](#).

## AllChicago.org's

*[Local]* emergency financial assistance program gives critical support to people experiencing or at risk of, homelessness or another critical emergency. Through their emergency funds, AllChicago assists with rent, utilities, or transportation payments. To request financial assistance, AllChicago's Call Center can be reached

**Monday through Thursday,**  
**8:30am to 4:30pm**  
by dialing 312.744.5000

## Chicago Artists Relief Fund

*[Local]* sustained through [GoFundMe](#), helps local artists stay financially stable. [Artists can apply](#), and specify their needs for rent, child care, groceries, or utilities. Priority is given to artists who are Black, Indigenous, People of Color, Queer, Trans+, Non-binary, and Disabled. Note that the application is periodically opened and closed.