



Peralta Federation of Teachers

Part Time Faculty Members' Emergency Relief Fund (MERF)

Peralta part-time faculty members who are experiencing hardship as a result of assignment reductions can apply for up to \$500 in emergency assistance, which will be given on a first-come, first-served basis in accordance with the following criteria:

- current PFT membership
- worked within the Peralta District for at least four of the previous ten semesters
- loss of 40% or higher of the faculty member's semester's baseload assignment OR at least 3 units, whichever is lower
- no full-time employment elsewhere
- no retirement benefits, or retirement benefits limited to \$450 per week.

The PFT is making available \$5,000 total for the 2023-2024 academic year. Applications will be accepted in one cycle, one in the Spring semester (faculty who had loss of 40% or higher of baseload assignment or at least 3 units in Fall semester are encouraged to submit application in the Spring semester cycle).

PFT staff and the part-time representative will review all applications and verify membership. Once the applications have been reviewed and membership verified, a recommendation will be made to the PFT Executive Council and the PFT President will give final approval on funds to be awarded to members. Applications for the spring semester are due by the second Friday in April 2024.

To apply for PT MERF, please return the PT MERF application form via email to union@pft1603.org, by postal mail, or in person to:

Peralta Federation of Teachers, Attn: PT MERF
500 East Eighth Street, Suite B,
Oakland, CA 94606-2825

For more information, contact Anna Roy at 510-763-8820 or union@pft1603.org.

Peralta Federation of Teachers Part-Time Faculty Members' Emergency Relief Fund (MERF) Application Form

Applicant's name: _____ College: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Personal email: _____ Phone: _____

Please list your loads for each of the below 10 semesters:

Fall 2023 _____ equated hours Spring 2023 _____ equated hours

Fall 2022 _____ equated hours Spring 2022 _____ equated hours

Fall 2021 _____ equated hours Spring 2021 _____ equated hours

Fall 2020 _____ equated hours Spring 2020 _____ equated hours

Fall 2019 _____ equated hours Spring 2019 _____ equated hours

[For auditing purposes, attach copies of your term workload printouts for the above.]

Are you receiving unemployment compensation? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have full-time work elsewhere? Yes _____ No _____

Are you receiving retirement benefits?

\$450 or under per week? Yes _____ No _____

Over \$450 per week? Yes _____ No _____

Did you lose District health benefits as a result of this cutback? Yes _____ No _____

How long have you worked in the Peralta District? _____ years

Please briefly explain your emergency relief need:

Signature _____ Date _____

OFFICE USE ONLY: RESPONSE TO APPLICATION

• \$ _____ granted to _____ on _____

• _____ No relief granted. Reason: Criteria not met: _____

Signature of PFT President