Student Organization Funding Opportunities 2022-2023

All Student Organization Funding processes and requests are reviewed/managed by the Student Organizations Commission and the Finance Commission of the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate.

1. **Student Organization Segregated Fee Funding Requests**

Organizations interested in receiving **segregated fee funding** through Student Senate must submit their application materials (online application available on Blugold Connect+ starting **November 1st**) to the Student Organizations Commission by the established deadline **February 3, 2023**. Once the application materials are submitted, Student Senate will verify that the organization is eligible to receive funding. In order to be eligible for funding, organizations must be an officially recognized student organization in good standing for the previous full semester (example: if your organization was approved Fall 2022 you are eligible to apply for funding).

If an organization has been deemed eligible to receive funding, the organization will then sign up for a presentation time to present their budget to the Student Organizations Commission at a budget hearing in early to mid-March. The Student Organizations Commission will make a recommendation to the Finance Commission. The Finance Commission may either approve or deny the recommendation. If the Finance Commission does not agree with the recommendation of the Student Organizations Commission, the requesting organization may be called in to provide further explanation of the budget request. The final budgets will be presented to Student Senate for final approval. **Approved funding will be available July 1.**

All funding allocated through student segregated fees must follow the guidelines as outlined in **UW System Financial Paper 820**. Please note that organizations may only request up to 5% of the total Student Organization Segregated Fee Funding budget which is approximately $40,000 each fiscal year.

2. **Student Organization Special Allocation Funding**

Available to newly or recently re-activated recognized Student Organizations in the Fall semester – or for those that missed the opportunity to apply for Segregated Fee Funding the previous spring.

- Ideal for those needing “start-up” funds.
- Student organizations may apply for up to $500, and will be required to give a detailed presentation to the Student Organization Commission who will review and determine if, and how much funding will be allocated.
- All allocated funds must be utilized by June 30th, 2023.
- The allocated funds are set up as a “reimbursement” – meaning, the funds will not be given to the student organization up front – receipts from approved expenditures must be submitted to the Student Senate office (Davies 220) within 30 days - before your organization or any of its members will be reimbursed. To qualify for Special Allocation funds your student organization must meet the following criteria:
  - Must be an officially recognized UWEC student organization (approved by Student Senate and the Activities, Involvement, and Leadership office)
  - Must have an established bank account and W9 on file with the University
  - Ensure the purpose of the funds will benefit the University and/or the community
3. **Spring Student Organization Re-Distribution of Funds Program**

Student organizations must spend 90% of their *current* allocation or alert the Student Organizations Commission of their plan to spend the funding, by the *third Monday of March* of the current allocation year. If a student organization does not follow either of these requirements, their funding will be moved into the Re-Distribution of Funds system. Student organizations in good standing should follow these steps to ensure they qualify and to apply:

1. Student Organizations in good standing can apply for additional funding. **Important note:** This funding can only be used until June 30th of the current fiscal year.
2. Funding applications (available online via Blugold Connect+) will be open during the *third week of March for seven days.*
3. The Student Organizations Commission will meet to review all applications at the next commission meeting following the form closing. Quorum must be met, and a majority vote is required to pass an allocation.
4. All UW system restrictions on segregated fees must be followed for redistributed funds/allocations.

**Funding Appeals**

If an organization is unhappy with a decision made regarding a funding request, they may appeal the decision to the Finance Commission. After appealing to the Finance Commission, if the organization is still unhappy with the outcome, the organization may appeal directly to Student Senate.

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