

# AS Legislative Action Fund Funding Request

**Presenting organization:** Student Labor Action Project of WWU

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**Name of the Event/Project/Conference:** United States Student Association Legislative Conference 2014

**Event Dates:** March 14-17th

**Location:** Washington, D.C.

**Estimated Number of Attendees:** 1

## **Reason for Funding:**

While the committee is no doubt familiar with the Legislative Conference because of their previous meetings, the reason that SLAP wishes to send a member to the conference is because of the specific SLAP track which is being put on during the conference. The Student Labor Action Project is a partnership between the United States Student Association and Jobs With Justice, and is very much integrated into the student movement and furthering student issues. The member we wish to send, Jazzy Smith, has a few years left at Western, and the experiences and skills she brings back to campus from attending these workshops will allow SLAP to more effectively work on SLAP's national campaigns on achieving a Debt-Free Future and increasing support to workers on campus, whether they be faculty, staff, or food service employees.

By going to LegCon, Jazzy will be able to connect with SLAP and USSA members nationwide to help build the student movement from a perspective outside that of student government, so that we are able to engage in a diversity of tactics to achieve the goal of making higher education a right for all. This will help SLAP train student organizers on a variety of focuses, whether it be campus or in the broader Bellingham community.

Cost included is for registration and for travel. Jazzy will be sharing a room which was already purchased for the duration of the conference.

**Jazzy's Statement:**

“Last year I had the opportunity to be involved with the AS REP as my first connection with as a part of the campus community and was a big motivator in me choosing to be a part of Viking Lobby Day this year. We are starting to see the effects of our participation with the DREAM Act passing. I have been able to see change locally with Human Services and seeing it on a policy level is a great privilege, which is why I would love to be able to lobby on students' behalf nationally. My interest in LegCon, and SLAP is to help fight against student debt, tuition hikes and the overall commodification of a public higher education. LegCon is an opportunity to learn skills to deepen my organizing within WWU and the AS so I can step it up next year, as well as being able to connect with other SLAPs across the country with projects that tie the debt we go into because of rising tuition to larger issues which prevent college attendance and completion. Thank you so much for your consideration.”

**Total Anticipated Expenses: \$725.00**

Conference Registration Fee: \$275

Transportation: \$450

**Amount Requested from the Legislative Action Fund: \$725.00**