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**STUDENT
ENHANCEMENT
FUND**

Student Enhancement Fund (SEF)

What is the Student Enhancement Fund (SEF Fund)?

- ▶ The SEF Fund was established in the academic year of 2015-16.
- ▶ The SEF Fund is made from a collective pool of funding from the Student Activity Fee.
- ▶ The SEF Fund budget is \$70,000 over the course of two academic years.
- ▶ The available amount this quarter (Spring 2016-17) was \$27,474.
- ▶ The mission of the SEF Fund is to provide funding to students in need if they are participating in special opportunities like conferences, etc.



What is the Student Enhancement Fund? (part 2)

- ▶ The SEF Fund is accessible to all full time students, AS or non-AS affiliated.
- ▶ The SEF Fund is not accessible to WWU full time staff/faculty.
- ▶ The SEF Fund provides funding for travel, hotel & lodging expenses and daily expenses (per diem).
- ▶ The SEF Fund does not provide funding for registration/admin costs, core academic costs, property/equipment rentals, and funding for third parties.



What is the Student Enhancement Fund? (part 2)

- ▶ AS club members or employees should first access their respective designated funds **BEFORE** being redirected to SEF:
 - ▶ AS Clubs → AS Activity Council
 - ▶ AS Employees → Student Development Fund
 - ▶ Other available funds: Sustainable Action Fund



Types of SEF Funding:



Travel

- ▶ Number one priority for funding.
- ▶ Ex. Plane, bus, train, and other types of transportation costs.
- ▶ Transportation option is pre-selected by applicant.
- ▶ One to two time cost.

Hotel/Lodging

- ▶ Number two priority for funding.
- ▶ Ex. Motel, hostel, hotel lodging costs.
- ▶ Hotel/lodging option is pre-selected by applicant.
- ▶ Daily cost.

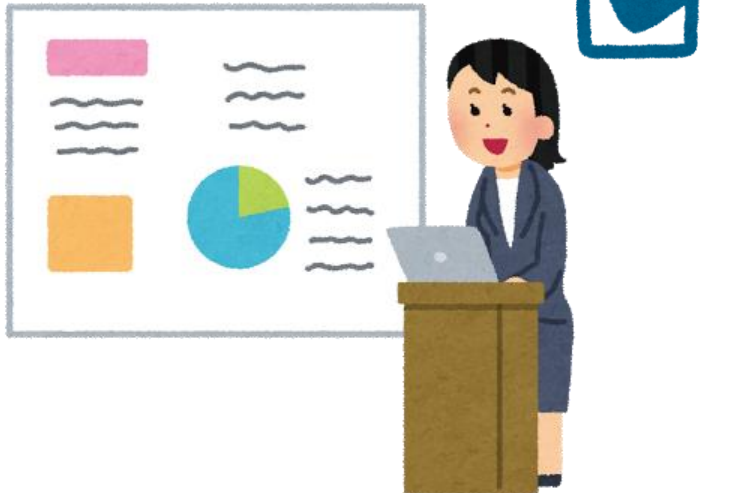
Per Diem

- ▶ Number three priority for funding.
- ▶ Per Diem = daily expenses.
- ▶ Per Diem costs depends on the 2017 Washington State Per Diem rate.
- ▶ Daily cost.

Types of events that SEF Funding covers:

Applicable:

- ▶ Academic conferences
- ▶ Intercollegiate competitions
- ▶ Career Fairs
- ▶ Professional development workshops
- ▶ Cultural awareness/development retreats
- ▶ Etc.



Non-applicable:

- ▶ Non-academic focused events
 - ▶ Concerts
 - ▶ Parties
 - ▶ Independent travel
 - ▶ Etc.



SEF Committee

To oversee the operations of the Student Enhancement Fund program by:

- ▶ Reviewing student applications.
- ▶ Making recommendations concerning the allocation of the Student Enhancement Fund funds.
- ▶ Evaluating the Student Enhancement Fund program, identifying issues, and recommending changes to the program as a whole.
- ▶ Upholding the mission of student funds/fees.
- ▶ Maintaining and upholding values and stewardship of student fee dollars.



Student application approval process: Post Committee

- ▶ SEF Committee will approve or not approve student applications.
- ▶ Approval results will be passed on by the Committee Chair/SEF Facilitator to student applicants.
- ▶ If approved, the Committee Chair will fill out AS Business office paperwork for the applicant, working with the VU Finance Office.
- ▶ Paperwork will be consequently approved through the offices until it arrives at the VU Finance Office, which will disperse the granted funds to the applicant.



Why do WWU students apply?

- ▶ Research presentation at specific academic conferences
- ▶ Supplementing their education in their specific majors
- ▶ Enhancing their club experiences and hoping to better educate their peers with new knowledge
- ▶ Experiencing safety and solidarity at certain events created specifically for them (LGBTQ celebration events, cultural festivals, etc.) not offered at WWU
- ▶ Career preparation and resume building (for graduate school applications, etc.)
- ▶ Enhancing their university experience in general by going to events that align with their personal interests



Recipients of SEF funding:

- ▶ We have received a total of **15** individual student applications, and **3** student group applications.
- ▶ We have funded a total of **\$13,736**, **half of the total available amount of \$27,474** to **8** individual students and **2** student groups within **one** academic quarter alone.
- ▶ We are expecting to process **3** more applications this quarter, and may forward **3** remaining applications to next year (their event dates are in the next academic year).
- ▶ All funds that may roll over to the next academic year are expected to be provided to student applicants.



Types of SEF applicants:

The SEF Fund has proven its accessibility to all WWU students; including students of color, LGBTQ students, students of religious faith, students of various political beliefs, and students across a variety of academic fields offered at WWU.

Applicants will not be named, but accessibility can be observed through some of the events students want to attend/attended:

- ▶ NASU (Native American Student Union) → Gathering of Nations Pow Wow
- ▶ 2017 Northwest Anthropological Conference
- ▶ 2017 Women in Cybersecurity Conference
- ▶ 2017 Northwest Biomechanics Conference
- ▶ 2017 All Nations Student Conference (for International Students)
- ▶ WWU Advanced Women's Chorale: Estonia & Finland Tour
- ▶ 2017 Socialist Alternative Summer Camp
- ▶ 2017 American Speech-Language-Hearing Conference

