

## AS Legislative Action Fund Funding Request

The purpose of the Legislative Action Fund is to more directly represent WWU students in legislative manners through the decisions of the ASWWU. The management of the Legislative Action Fund is facilitated through the Legislative Affairs Council (LAC), chaired by the VP for Governmental Affairs. This budget is funded through student donations. The fund is predominately used for Washington Student Association annual membership dues. All excess dollars can be expended at the discretion of the LAC to further student representation. If you are interested in the history of the Legislative Action Fund, please visit [here](#).

If you are interested in requesting funds from the Legislative Action Fund, please submit this form to the AS VP for Governmental Affairs at [ASVP.Gov@wwu.edu](mailto:ASVP.Gov@wwu.edu). After this form is submitted, you will need to meet with the VP for Governmental Affairs for additional details and direction. The VP for Governmental Affairs will then take the proposal to the next Legislative Affairs Council for the two-week approval process. You, or someone from your group, must be in attendance at both meetings. If your funding request is approved, the Legislative Affairs Council will provide you with an agreement that you will need to sign.

**Presenting organization:**

United States Student Association (USSA)

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**Name of the Event/Project/Conference:**

USSA Board of Directors Retreat

**Event Dates):**

Sept. 18-21 (9am-6pm days, best to leave Sept 17th)

**Location:**

Washington DC

**Estimated Number of Attendees:**

1

**Reason for Funding** (please provide a thorough description of the event, what the funds are requested for, how the event will increase student representation, and the expected benefits to the Western community and you or your group):

This will be the first year that Western Washington University will be direct members of the United States Student Association (USSA) after our membership via the Washington Student Association has ended with this organization. The United States Student Association is the country's oldest, largest, and most inclusive student-led organization and during my second USSA National Student Congress this summer, I was nominated and elected to represent as the chair for the Pacific Northwest region. One of the many responsibilities I now hold is to attend board meetings and this September will be our board retreat. Because this is so short notice, I do not currently have the time or capacity to raise funds for air flight, which is currently sitting at about \$375 and will continue to increase in price the closer we get to the date of the retreat. Sitting as a voting member on USSA's board of directors will definitely benefit Western, especially on the federal level. I know that as a member of the board of directors, I'm not just

representing my own interests, but the interests of the students of Western Washington University. I will also be bringing back a lot of what I learn from working USSA like the sexual assault prevention campaign we will be working on this year and I will be making those connections with relevant offices on campus within the AS like the Women's Center, Sexual Awareness Center, Queer Resource Center, Ethnic Student Center, and also our university's Equal Opportunity Office to ensure that we are making progress towards a safer, more aware WWU. This specific campaign is just one of many benefits that will come from my participation on the United States Student Association's Board of Directors.

**Fill out and attach the budget document, which can be downloaded [here](#).**

**Total Anticipated Expenses:**

Meals: \$276 (based on Whatcom County rates)

Breakfast: \$11 Lunch: \$14 Dinner: \$21

Flight: ~\$400

**You or Your Group's Contribution:**

Lodging, Breakfast, Dinner

**Any Co-Sponsorships From Other Groups?**

Currently none

**Amount Requested from the Legislative Action Fund:**

Flight: ~\$400

Lunch for 5 days: \$70

Total: ~\$470

**NTE: \$500**