

Lawrence University Summer Volunteer Opportunity Grant 2010 General Information



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History

In 1991, the Helen Bader foundation established the Helen Daniels Bader Fund for Student Charitable Work to encourage students to undertake meaningful volunteer service. From 1991 to 1995, this grant supported Lawrence students in their summer service initiatives. The Summer Volunteer Opportunity Grant (SVOG) is currently funded by the Lawrence University Volunteer and Community Service Center (VCSC).

Purpose

The Summer Volunteer Opportunity Grant is designed to provide financial assistance for Lawrence students participating in service projects as learning experiences during the summer months. SVOG funding is available to assist with the practical expenses for summer service projects. Because the VCSC recognizes the financial demands of a Lawrence University education, part of the funding is also intended to offset the opportunity cost of a summer spent engaged in volunteer and service work.

Although the grant itself helps to remove financial barriers to summer service, the SVOG program also seeks to enhance and develop the individual student learning imperative as well as the Lawrence community's broader understanding of service. To that end, recipients are encouraged to link service work and academic inquiry and expected to engage themselves and the campus community in a consideration of social, legal, political, and other issues pertinent to their service project.

Eligibility

Students who will have successfully completed at least two terms of academic work at Lawrence University before the start of their proposed project are eligible to apply for SVOG funding. **Only students returning to Lawrence for the next fall term may apply; graduating seniors are not eligible.**

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Application and Allocation Process Timeline



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Monday, November 9, 2009

Application packet available at the VCSC, Career Center and online.

Friday, March 5, 2010

Complete applications due to the VCSC.

Friday, April 9, 2010

Notification letters sent.

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Explanation of Award



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In accordance with the dual purpose of the SVOG funding, part of the grant is paid to the student during Term III to allow for the practical expenses of the project, and the other portion is withheld until the student returns to campus and satisfies the other requirements of the program.

The first portion will be paid only after the VCSC receives official confirmation of the student's acceptance from the project coordinator/supervisor or the sponsoring organization.

The second portion of the grant will be paid during the next fall term, after the applicant has completed the following requirements:

1. Compose a reflective paper addressing how your service experience related to issues (social, political, economic, legal, etc). Topics you may wish to consider include: the needs your service addressed, the political/social/other backdrop from which these needs arise, the successes and failures of your service endeavor and the challenges and struggles inherent in your work. Papers should be approximately 5 pages and should be available electronically. The information you share may be included in an annual SVOG journal circulated in the Lawrence community.
2. Share your experiences during a service event sponsored by the VCSC in the fall or spring of the 2010-2011 academic year. You may present a lecture, give a demonstration, create a showcase display, or find some way to engage the Lawrence community in an understanding of your service work.
3. Provide confirmation from the project coordinator/supervisor or the sponsoring organization that you have completed the project/program.

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