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Student Philanthropy Fund - Grant Guidelines and Criteria

About the Student Philanthropy Fund:

The Student Philanthropy Fund is a student-led initiative that seeks to promote a culture of philanthropy at the College of Saint Benedict. By supporting projects that enhance the lives of students and the broader community, the Student Philanthropy Fund involves women as leaders and donors while promoting the common good.

Application Criteria:

The Grants Committee will give first preference to grants that address issues of social justice and leadership development, but welcome grant proposals with other emphasis. All grant proposals should uphold one or more of the Benedictine Values. Multiple grants will be awarded and the Grants Committee reserves the right to partially fund proposed projects. Other criteria include:

1. Applicant must be a current CSB student.
2. Grant applicants may request up to \$3,000.
3. Funds may be used locally or internationally.
4. Funds may be used for registration fees for leadership development opportunities (conferences).
5. Money will not be awarded for anything that interferes with the mission of the college.
6. A registered club or member of a club may not apply for funding to support club initiatives.
7. If two or more students apply for a grant, one student must be the main applicant.

Application Materials:

Applicants must submit the following documents in order to be considered for a grant:

1. The Student Philanthropy Fund application
2. A budget proposal
3. The applicant's resume
4. A cover letter addressed to the SPF Grants Committee

Grant Timeline:

- October 18, 2009: Request for proposals announced to campus
- December 7, 2009: Deadline for submitting a grant proposal
- December 17, 2009: Recipient(s) of grant money will be notified
- June 30, 2010: Grant money must be spent
- September 1, 2010: Final report on the impact of grant must be received by the Student Philanthropy Fund Advisory Board

Review Process:

The Grants Committee, a committee composed of St. Ben's students on the Student Philanthropy Fund Advisory Board, will review and evaluate all grant proposals. If the Grants Committee has questions about a grant proposal or would like additional information, they will contact the applicant and conduct an interview. If an applicant is not contacted for an interview, that does not mean her proposal is not being considered.

The Grants Committee will be responsible for the final decision of which grant proposals are accepted and how much money will be awarded. If a member of the Grants Committee has submitted a grant proposal, she will abstain from voting. All applicants will be notified of the Grants Committee's decisions.

Please send grant applications to Kristin Darnall - kdarnall@csbsju.edu

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