Muhlenberg College

**Blend Fraternity and Sorority Leadership Grant**

The Blend Fraternity and Sorority Leadership Grant Program has been established to encourage members of the College’s Greek community to take advantage of regional and national leadership programs that will:

- Broaden the perspective of attendees to better understand the current context of Greek life within higher education.
- Expose attendees to new methods of recruitment, risk management and chapter management.
- Improve leadership skills of current chapter leadership as well as foster the development of leadership skills in new members.
- Create within the chapter a culture that supports continual improvement through regular participation in such programs.

**Eligible Programs**

The Blend Grant provides awards of up to $500 in matching funds to individuals or organizations toward participation in the following conferences, workshops or activities:

**The Undergraduate Inter-Fraternity Institute (UIFI)**

UIFI is a 5-day journey, with each day building upon the one previous. UIFI offers participants the opportunity to explore, define, and enhance their leadership skills, personal awareness, commitment to their fraternity or sorority, and grow to expect values based action from themselves and those they lead.

**Northeast Greek Leadership Association Annual Conference (NGLA)**

Hundreds of fraternity and sorority leaders from the Northeast attend the Annual Meeting each year to participate in three days of workshops, general sessions and idea sharing. Each participant’s conference fee includes conference materials and programs; Thursday’s welcome reception, lunch Friday and Saturday; and Saturday evening’s closing banquet. The award program allows the organization to recognize the outstanding efforts of Greek governing councils and celebrate accomplishments.

**Futures Quest**

Futures Quest is an innovative program which focuses on recent initiates into men’s fraternities - challenging them from the start of their fraternal experience to be men of courage, integrity, and service. Only men who have been initiated within the previous calendar year are eligible to attend. Through experiential activities, high ropes initiatives, and focused conversations, Futures Quest helps emerging leaders more fully understand how ritual and values can lead them towards positive changes in their chapters. Experienced students serve as mentors, and facilitate small group discussions on significant issues. The program also takes advantage of its natural setting through outdoor experiences such as fireside discussions and nature walks. Over 600 participants have graduated from Futures Quest since its inception in 2001. Futures Quest is sponsored by the North American Interfraternity Conference.
**National Headquarters Leadership Workshop or Conference**

Nearly all National Headquarters provide one or more leadership workshops or conferences annually. The grant may be used to subsidize attendance at these organization-specific leadership programs. This does not include regional or national annual meetings, conclaves or conferences where the primary focus is on topics other than leadership.

**Chapter Teambuilding/ROPES Experience**

The chapter may request funds to help defray the cost of conducting a half-day or day-long teambuilding experience. To qualify, the activity must be conducted at an off-campus location with trained facilitators, consist of 4 to 8 hours of training, and be planned as an activity for all members, not just new members.

**Award Criteria**

1. **Limitations on awards.**
   
   A. An individual or organization may only receive one award per academic year.
   
   B. No more than five individual members from one chapter may receive awards within an academic year.
   
   C. No more than two awards will be provided to individual members of the same chapter for the same conference or workshop.

2. **Prerequisites.**

   A. Applicants must register for the conference or workshop and provide proof of registration with this application.
   
   B. Applicants should be either current chapter officers or new members intent on serving as chapter officers in the near future. Current seniors are not eligible to receive a grant.
   
   C. Applications must be accompanied by a letter of support from the chapter, on chapter letterhead, signed by the chapter secretary.

3. **Matching funds.**

   The Blend Grant will provide up to $500 to cover up to one-half of the total cost of the conference, workshop, or activity. Total is inclusive of all registration, transportation, lodging and per diem costs. It is expected that the individual, the chapter, and/or the national headquarters, will provide the additional funding.

4. **Completion of After Action Reports.**

   It is important to assess outcomes of grants previously awarded. All recipients of Blend Grants are required to submit a report that includes a written summary of the event outlining relevant learning outcomes, an expense report of all costs incurred, and a conference program or relevant handouts (the latter can be returned upon review).
**BLEND FRATERNITY & SORORITY LEADERSHIP GRANT APPLICATION**

Date of application: ___/___/____  Individual making request: ______________________________________

Phone number: _______________  Email: ____________________________________________@

Fraternity or Sorority: ___________________________

Do you currently hold a leadership position in the chapter:  ____ No  ____ Yes

   If yes, what is the position?: __________________________________________

   If no, what position do you intend to hold?: __________________________________________

*Please include a letter of support on chapter letterhead and signed by the chapter secretary.*

| Have you applied for a Blend Grant before? |  ____ No  ____ Yes |
| Have you received a Blend Grant before?   |  ____ No  ____ Yes |
| Conference or workshop you are attending: | __________ Futures Quest*  __________ Northeast Greek Leadership Association* |
|                                            | __________ Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute*  __________ Chapter Teambuilding Activity |
|                                            | __________ National Headquarters Leadership Workshop or Conference* |

Dates of program: ___/___/_____ to ___/___/____  Location: ___________________________

*Please include a confirmation of your registration with the application.*

**Anticipated Expenses**

| Cost of Registration: | $___________ |
| Cost of Transportation: | + $___________ |
| Cost of Lodging: | + $___________ |

Requested *per diem* for meals and incidentals: $__________ x No. of Days ______ = + $__________

**Total cost of the Program:**

= $__________

*Please include any documentation you have to substantiate the costs listed above.*

**Funding Plan**

| Amount to be covered by the applicant: | $__________ |
| Amount to be covered by the chapter: | + $__________ |
| Amount to be covered by the national organization: | + $__________ |
| Amount being requested from the Blend Grant: | + $__________ |

Total funding available to applicant:

= $__________

*The amount requested from the Blend Grant may not be more than one-half of the total cost of the program.*

Signature of applicant: _____________________________________  Date ____/____/____

*Please return the completed application to the Student Life Office in the lower level of Seegers Union.*

Office use only:

Received by: _____________________________________  Date Received: ____/____/____