

The WGPC Mission Experience Grant

The WGPC Mission Experience Grant was conceived to encourage young adults from Webster Groves Presbyterian Church to support their interest in mission, service and education by participating in volunteer projects, study programs, social action campaigns, unpaid internships and focused travel or mission trips in the spirit of WGPC's mission to serve Christ through active discipleship with our community and in the world.

Grant Program Purpose:

The purpose of the WGPC Mission Experience Grant is to provide educational, spiritual, and mission discernment through financial support to young adults in the Webster Groves Presbyterian Church community to serve Christ through meaningful contributions to the world around them.

Eligibility:

1. The candidate must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Be a member of WGPC or
 - b. An active participant in WGPC programs or
 - c. Have a connection to WGPC and its ministries
 - d. Applicant is a one-time recipient of this grant
2. Young adults include post-high school students aged 19 to 30 for primary consideration.
3. Financial grants can be awarded in amounts up to \$2,000 depending on the quality, focus and need of the experience.
4. The grant shall be administered by a subcommittee of the Mission Commission and shall include 1 Elder and 2 additional members of WGPC, one of which is serving on the commission. Pastoral review may also be required.
5. An interview with the committee is required in person, by phone or by video conference.
6. The applicant agrees to an evaluation presentation of their project or service to the WGPC congregation, Mission Commission or Session at the conclusion of their experience.

Project Criteria:

All proposed projects will be evaluated according to these criteria:

1. Compatibility with the mission and philosophy of WGPC in service to Christian values.
2. Connection to the people, programs and goals of WGPC.
3. The applicant's preparation for, and articulation of, the project and purpose.
4. The benefits of the project to the congregation, community or service to the world.

WGPC Mission Experience Grant Application

Applications are to be sent to the WGPC Mission Commission by mail or e-mail. Questions? E-mail the Mission Outreach Coordinator: Beth Kazlauskas at bok@wgpc.org

Date of application submission: _____

Name: _____

Age: _____

Email address: _____

Cell phone: _____

Address: _____

Is this address permanent _____ or temporary _____ until _____
y/n y/n date

Secondary address if needed: _____

Current status (in school, seeking employment, employed, other)

Academic major, areas of concentration or primary interests or relevant information:

How are you associated or connected with WGPC?

List any positions, employment, organizations, activity participation, conferences, travel, courses or seminars that you have participated in that have developed your interest and commitment to this project:

****Please attach additional sheets for the following responses:**

1. Title of proposed project:_____
2. Amount of award you are requesting:_____
3. Describe your proposed project.
 - Include as appropriate: the organization, the purpose, your anticipated role, dates and timelines. You may include brochures, written descriptions, letters or other endorsement information which describe the project.
 - Describe the importance of the mission to you and reflect on the purpose in relation to WGPC and the mission to serve Christ.
 - Include any concerns, personal requirements or needs if any.
4. Costs of the Project:
 - Describe the total costs to you. Explain why you are seeking funds and how you arrived at the amount needed. Include any fund raising or other financial assistance you are receiving.
 - Funding requests may include: travel costs, housing or meal costs, admission or tuition enrollment costs, medical requirements such as vaccination costs, specialty incidentals or equipment.
5. Any other pertinent information you want the committee to know or consider.
6. References:
Please include two references and their contact information: cell phone or work phone, email and mailing address.
7. Evaluation of the Project:
The applicant will be expected to participate in presenting an evaluation of their experience to the congregation, Mission Commission, or Session as appropriate. What are ways you might share your experience and insights to the WGPC community?
8. The above information is accurate and complete:

Signature:_____ Date: _____

Applications for travel and internships should be submitted two months in advance to allow for processing. Most applications will require 4-6 weeks to process.

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