Applying for a MOREgrant

Purpose

• to apply the skills and knowledge gained through their first two years of college in contexts beyond the traditional classroom
• to acquire new skills or perspectives that further enhance their intellectual and personal development
• to articulate the value and direction of their educational outcomes during the annual Celebration of Scholarship

Eligibility

Students in their sophomore year who have demonstrated active involvement in their sophomore year and are returning for their junior year are eligible to apply for a MOREgrant. Grants will be awarded in May of the sophomore year to be used in the junior year. Additional criteria can be found below.

On average, grants will be awarded at $100.00-$500.00 of demonstrated need after review by the SYE committee. There is a limited amount of total grant money, so a strong project proposal will be beneficial for selection.

Award Application Criteria

• The strength and feasibility of the proposed project.
• Connection between the proposed project and the student’s prior and projected educational experiences and other activities.
• The strength of the student’s academic record, as reflected in the student’s transcript and faculty recommendation.
• Consistency of the project with the aims of the MOREgrant program.
• Demonstrated involvement in SYE, academic clubs, campus clubs, organizations, events and/or activities as a sophomore.

The Grant program enables sophomore students:

• to apply the skills and knowledge gained through their first two years of college in contexts beyond the traditional classroom;
• to acquire new skills or perspectives that further enhance their intellectual and personal development; and
• articulate for themselves and others the value and direction of their educational outcomes at the annual Celebration of Scholarship

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• Demonstrated involvement in SYE, academic and/or campus clubs & organizations as a sophomore.
• Documentation of successful completion of the project, i.e. receipts, transcripts, etc. will be required.

Faculty/staff sponsorship

Applicants work with a suitable faculty or staff member to develop a strong project proposal, and should request that person complete a reference form. For research projects approval must be received from HRC.

Examples of projects that funding can support:

• student research expenses
• attendance at conferences
• enrollment in short courses like Maymester, approved extended University courses...
• projects related to the applicants major
• Study Abroad
• NES
• Other approved projects
Examples of projects/uses that funding cannot support:

- travel to an area for which the U.S. State Department has issued a travel warning
- proposals that entail significant and foreseeable personal risk
- equipment that can be borrowed or rented from the University
- the purchase of personal items

Application

- A completed application
- A faculty/staff reference
- Completed Project proposal

Award

- In order for the MOREgrant to meet financial aid policies, the grant will be applied to the student’s total financial aid package. ½ will be awarded in the Fall semester of the junior year and ½ will be awarded in the Spring semester of the Junior year. This will then free up other student resources to be applied directly to the student’s proposed project. If the student does not complete the proposed project and present at the Spring Celebration of Scholarship, the entire grant amount awarded will need to be returned to the University. The grant award dollar amount will be posted to the student’s bill.