



Experiential Learning Grant Application

The ASUMW Student Senate created the Experience One Grant fund to support students at the University of Montana Western who are seeking to further their education outside of the traditional boundaries of the University. Activities qualifying for this grant include, but are not limited to, conferences, seminars and study abroad opportunities.

Guidelines:

1. All allocations are made at the discretion by the ASUMW Student Senate and are based on the merit of each individual proposal. Requested amounts are **NOT** guaranteed.
2. Individual grant requests may not exceed \$500. Students are allowed one grant request per semester and a maximum of \$1,000 in total grant money during their enrollment at UMW.
3. Deadline for **all** application materials:
 - a. Fall Semester: last day of block 2 by 5 pm
 - b. Spring Semester: last day of block 6 by 5pm
 - c. Summer Semester: Experiential Learning grants are **NOT** awarded during the summer term
4. Allocation will **likely** be dispersed in Block 4 for Fall applications and Block 8 for Spring applications.
5. Decisions will be publicly announced during Block 4 for fall semester and during Block 8 for spring semester, and recipients will be notified by e-mail.
6. ASUMW reserves the right to request evidence of actual expenses and may require reimbursement of any or all funds not related to direct expenses.

Requirements:

1. Student must submit a written **grant proposal letter** that includes the following information (one page maximum):

Refer to page 2 for a sample letter. Learning Center assistance is advised.

- a. Must be individually written for the given year (no plagiarism or duplicating previous letters)
 - b. Thorough explanation of proposed experiential learning project
 - c. Educational benefits
 - i. Positive contribution to the educational experience of the student will be the primary criteria for grant approval, but students may include a statement of financial need and/or academic achievement in support of their application
2. Anticipated expenses.
 3. Any other information you wish to include for the Student Senate to consider.
 4. Student must fully complete the **X-1 online application**.
 5. Student must submit the **application signature page** (explained later).

If applicant is requesting financial aid for a study abroad trip, applicant must file a request for study abroad with the Financial Aid Office.

Upon request, the University of Montana Western provides written materials in alternative formats for persons with disabilities. For more information about this or other disability services and accommodation needs, please contact the Student Affairs Disability Office at (406) 683-7388.

Sample Letter

Every day thousands of people perish without appreciating the art that is everywhere around us. I do not want to be one of those people, and that is why I have the deepest desire to go on the trip to France and Spain to study famous artists and their many works.

In this action-packed tour I will be traveling to Paris, Madrid, and Barcelona to see all of the world-famous museums and architecture. As we visit this plethora of artistic opportunities, I will be immersing myself in the current culture as well as visiting the past through a variety of historical pieces and sites.

I feel that as an education major, it is critical for me to be as worldly as possible. A thorough knowledge of the world will allow me to better integrate diverse views and ethos into my classroom, and I believe that France and Spain are perfect places to quench my thirst for knowledge of lands unseen. Such a bounty of cultural beauties are just within my reach, and although I will never experience them all, I yearn to come as close as is possible. So many Americans are content with knowing only this country, and I wish to break that norm and reach out for a better understanding of what makes this planet so incredible.

For obvious reasons, this will not be an inexpensive journey. Although my parents have done their best to save for my college education, I am largely responsible for much of the expense. This trip will rely entirely on my own savings and so I hope that I will be able to find the means to go.

In closing, I sincerely hope that you will consider me for the experiential learning grant, and I know that if I am selected, I will not make waste of it. I hope that through my greater knowledge of the world I will be able to enrich the lives of my future students and inspire them to go out and love the world they live in.