IRA EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AND PROJECT FUND

The IRA Board has established the Exemplary Performance and Project Fund to recognize and support outstanding achievement and extraordinary performance.

Who is Eligible?

- Only currently certified IRA programs are eligible and all IRA guidelines will apply.
- The Athletic Program, excluding Club Sports, is not eligible because of existing NCAA funds already available.

What is Eligible?

- Funding requests for travel to special performances and/or competitions. These include those performances/competitions above and beyond the program’s typical schedule. Because of the limited dollars available, funding requests should avoid costs associated with meals.
- The Board established the fund to help IRA programs meet unexpected needs. An application should clearly explain why the performance or competition is unexpected. For example, a club sport team wins a regional championship and must travel to nationals.
- Events that are a result of a special award or invitation are looked upon most favorably.
- Funds may be requested to bring additional students to a competition or performance, increasing the usual team/group available for a specific event.
- Funds may be requested for costs and supplies directly related to the performance or project.
- Equipment and computer related devices are not part of the normal purview of this fund.

Allocation Process

- The funding cycle is divided into 3 cycles; a Fall cycle, a Winter cycle and a Spring cycle. Approximately 1/3 of the funds will be available for allocation in each of the cycles.
- Exemplary Performance Due Dates: Round 1 on Oct 31, Round 2 on Feb 28, Round 3 on Apr 30
- Events which qualify for exemplary performance awards and fall between deadline dates may request funds for reimbursement of expenses provided the requesting program shows proof that they were invited and participated in the event before it was possible for them to apply for exemplary performance funding.
- A notice will be sent to all Deans declaring the cycle open for proposals and establishing the closing date. In addition, Project Directors will be notified electronically of the cycle process.
- The program directors, student participants, and/or the Dean can submit proposals. (Note: the Dean must approve all proposals)
- Upon closure of the cycle, the committee will review all proposals for one-time funding. The first review meeting will discuss the specific proposals. Project Directors and Deans are encouraged to attend this meeting to answer specific questions posed by the Board. The Board will take action on the proposals at the next Board meeting.
- Funding proposals are not to exceed $5,000 per program per academic year. Funds, however, are limited and the Board encourages applicants to focus their requests on their greatest needs. When requests exceed the allocation for the funding cycle, the Board will be forced to cut or eliminate requests. (IRA Board restricted Club Sports to a total of $5,000 per year)
- Funds allocated to programs and not spent shall be returned to the IRA Board.
- Incomplete applications may result in zero funding.

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