

Whitman College Special Activities Participation Fund

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Whitman College has received a generous gift to help cover the costs of college enrichment programs for which financial aid does not apply. Such programs provide valuable experiential learning that is integral to a well-rounded Whitman liberal arts education. This fund will pay for enrichment activities that may be beyond the means of students who lack adequate financial resources.

These funds are meant to support students with significant financial need who wish to participate in curricular and co-curricular activities that enrich their academic education and experience. In general, conference attendance will not be supported. This account is not meant to provide emergency funding (for medical bills, travel home, etc.) The selection committee will have final discretion as to whether an activity qualifies for funding. Most awards will be under \$400.

Eligibility:

To be eligible, students must show significant financial need. They will be permitted to apply for money from this fund for up to two activities per school year.

Application Process:

The Dean of Students Office will determine whether a student is eligible to apply, and then the student will fill out an application form explaining his/her need for funding and how the proposed activity will enrich his/her Whitman education. These application forms will be returned to the Dean of Students Office.

Because activities occur throughout the school year, funding decisions will be made as needed. Students must apply for funding *at least one month prior to the deadline* for payment for participation in the activity. Decisions will be based upon the student's application form and current availability of funding. Depending on the volume of applications, a limit may be imposed on distribution of funds.

Examples of possible eligible activities:

(These are subject to available funds and not meant to be an exhaustive list.)

Outdoor Program (SSRA courses)

Summer Study Abroad Programs

Faculty led field study trips (domestic or abroad)

Non-required P. E. or activity courses (e.g., dance, music art, skiing)