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# Community Engagement Grants

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The Office of Community Engagement awards Community Engagement Grants (CEGs) each year to support students' involvement in community engagement during the academic year and over the summer and winter breaks. The purpose

of CEGs is to develop students as active citizens and to support communities in achieving their own goals.

CEGs are supported by the generosity of several funders: The Parents Association, The Pulley Family Public Service Fellowship Endowment, the Father Kelly Endowment (of the Monteverde-Jackson Endowment), and the Christopher Wren Association. Awards are made by a selection committee composed of previous CEG grant awardees and students, staff and faculty deeply involved in community engagement.

### **Winter and Summer Grants**

Students identify or design their own projects that are usually associated with a social service, not-for-profit or public agency and outline their activities in a proposal that the grant committee reviews. Individual students and student groups may request any amount up to \$2,000.

Previously funded projects have been located throughout the United States and overseas; special consideration is given to domestic project proposals.

Each CEG award is intended to allow a student to engage in meaningful service work by defraying living expenses and other costs while performing unpaid service. Expenses that may be supported through the grants include:

- Expenses for service projects (supplies, transportation, etc.)
- Program fees for service programs
- Living expenses

Preference is given to applications that indicate that grant funds will go directly to the community, or to support reasonable living expenses for the student. It is rare that travel expenses will be covered by CEGs.

The grants are intended to support individuals or small groups. Applicants should note that the committee will take into account other funding sources available to applicants (e.g. research grants, Branch Out financial aid, etc.) in their considerations.

### **Year Round Grants**

The Office of Community Engagement also offers grants during the academic semester ranging from \$100-\$1,000. These grants can be used for expenses related to student-led local community engagement programming. This might include but is not limited to:

- Direct sustained service
- Partnering with a community agency to host a speaker or film screening which educates the community on an important social issue
- Executing an alumni service program
- Creating a program or event which connects your academic experience to a community identified need
- Creating and publishing education or outreach material for a local non-profit

As with Winter and Summer CEGs, the projects must focus on community impact as well as positive impact on the student's development as an active citizen.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis via email to [oce@wm.edu](mailto:oce@wm.edu) and reviewed on a rolling basis with decisions made within three weeks of the application's submission. Please review the CEG [criteria](#) and [application](#) page for more details.



Many of our grants are available thanks to the generous support of the Pulley Family, pictured above with the 2012-13 recipients.

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