Leadership Ventures
The Northwestern University Center for Leadership

Guidelines and Summary

About:
The Leadership Venture Program is designed to facilitate independent projects by Northwestern undergraduates. Students are invited to apply for one-time grants that would enable them to launch innovative and collaborative initiatives.

Previous grant winners have included:
- MiniChefz (capital supplies to expand the program)
- NUTHreads (startup funds to begin the program)
- Lending for Evanston and Northwestern Development (New loan fund for startups)
- NU Channel One (Camera equipment to start the organization)

Details:
- Up to $3,000 per group (decided on a case-by-case basis)
- Funds will be allocated according to timely need
- Leader Venture grants are NOT intended to:
  - Replace funding already being received from other sources
  - Fund pre-existing annual budget items

Project Requirements:
The proposed project must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible:

- All grantees must be currently enrolled Northwestern undergraduate students
- Must be a group of 2 or more students
- Project must be expected to continue beyond initial funding
- Funds must be used on project by the end of the following school year
- Groups must give a summary presentation and group report on project results (details to follow)
- Project must be conducted outside of class time
- Project may not be used for class credit of any kind (including CFS or independent study)

Coaching
- All grant winners must meet twice within a quarter with a leadership coach from the Center for Leadership to discuss the project and funding usage

Timeline:
- Application period opens Sunday, January 31, 2016
- Application deadline: Sunday, February 21, 2016 by 11:59pm
- Round 1: Applications reviewed and evaluated by the Center for Leadership; only finalists will be selected for interviews
- Round 2: Finalists interview Tuesday, March 1, 2016
- Application Results announced via email by: Sunday, March 13, 2016

Note: The Center for Leadership reserves the right to waive or adjust any elements of the application process without notice, if it deems that circumstances warrant.
Awardees have until Friday, April 1, 2016 to accept the grant

Application Process:
Round 1: Submit completed application (see below) to lead@northwestern.edu by deadline.
Round 2: Selected applicants will be called for finalist interviews.
Round 3: Application results announced.

Questions? Email lead@northwestern.edu and we will get back to you as soon as possible!

Leadership Venture Application 2016

The contact information below should be your group’s main contact person. An additional roster of all participating members will need to be submitted additionally (See Application Check List).

Name:

Email:

Cell Phone:

Year:

Major:

Please list any extracurricular activities you are involved in on and off campus:

Project Title: ____________________________________________

Please complete the checklist below and compile all relevant components into one application document.

Check List:

1. Attach a complete member roster including each participant’s full name, year, major, email address, and phone number.
2. Please give a brief summary of your project, including your expectations for how it will continue to function beyond the year in which Venture funding might be provided. (Should not exceed one page single spaced)
3. Please give a detailed calendar of how you plan to implement your project
4. Please provide an itemized budget for your project including total money requested and when you will need it.
5. Explain how this project will expand or elevate your group’s ability to fulfill its mission.

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