



# Academic Programs

College of Agriculture,  
Food and Natural Resources  
University of Missouri

## Policy regarding Financial Support to Student Organizations

The College of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources (CAFNR) places a high value on professional development, leadership, and experiential learning opportunities that occur outside “formal” learning environments. Student organizations provide a great avenue to expand upon classroom/laboratory learning, engage students with similar career and social interests, and leadership development. CAFNR will provide financial support to student organizations in support of the following:

- 1) Professional development programs,
- 2) Travel to professional discipline-based conferences,
- 3) Educational programs and/or promotional events,
- 4) Leadership development programs,
- 5) Honorariums and travel for speakers/educators, and
- 6) Participation in discipline-based competitive events at the regional or national level.

### Operating Principles:

- Priority is given to CAFNR Student Organizations that impact the greatest number of students.
- Requests are submitted via an application process, with priority to student organizations successful in securing funds from other sources. Sources of funding may include, but are not limited to (see appendix):
  - The **Organization Resource Group (ORG)**
  - Approved on campus fundraising, membership dues, corporate sponsorship
  - Campus **Commitment to Diversity** initiative
- Student organizations may submit only one request per academic year.
- The maximum award for a student organization typically will not exceed \$1,000 per academic year.
- Requests may be submitted at any time; however, priority will be given to applications received by September 1<sup>st</sup> for the fall semester and February 1<sup>st</sup> for the spring semester.
- Submit a one-page summary report within one month of the date of the event.

### Requirements of the Student Organization:

- Must be a recognized student organization in good standing with the ORG and CAFNR Student Council.
- To receive funds, the student organization must have a university account (MoCode). Funds will NOT be deposited into external student organization bank accounts.

**Requests shall include** (one page):

- Name of the student organization.
- Contact person - phone and e-mail.
- Faculty advisor - phone and e-mail.
- The event, purpose, date, and location.
- Number of students expected to engage in the event.
- Individual responsible for submitting the one-page summary outlining the benefits received by participants and the student organization. Note: the report is due within one month of the date of the event.

**Budget must include:**

- Itemization of all expenses associated with the event.
- Itemization of all sources of income associated with the event.
- The specific expense(s) the requested funds from CAFNR will cover.
- If funded, the University account where funds will be transferred (MoCode).

**Email request to:** [cafnradvising@missouri.edu](mailto:cafnradvising@missouri.edu)

**Subject line:** Student Organization Financial Request for (fall/spring, year) semester

## APPENDIX

MU recognized student organizations in good standing can request financial support through the **Organization Resource Group** (ORG) (<http://getinvolved.missouri.edu/>). The ORG provides financial assistance through funds generated from the student activity fee. Budget requests for travel, general expense and honorariums are submitted at various times throughout the year.

Through MU's **Commitment to Diversity**, funding is available for student organizations for programs, events, and conference travel that support furthering diversity at Mizzou (<http://multiculturalcenter.missouri.edu/discretionary-diversity-fee/>). Student organizations are not eligible for funding if they received financial support through the ORG, Legion of Black Collegians, or other campus diversity initiatives.

Financial Support for CAFNR Student Organizations available through:

- CAFNR Alumni Association's CAFNR 150 Endowment Fund grants.
- CAFNR's Office of Academic Programs provides financial support to the CAFNR Student Council, CAFNR Week, and CAFNR Ambassadors.

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