

Division of Student Affairs

Policy on Financial Support and/or Fund Raising Efforts

The Division of Student Affairs (DOSA) typically receives 50-75 requests for funds each year from students, student organizations and faculty and staff across campus.

Although the Vice President for Student Affairs is dedicated to supporting group, individual or department endeavors that enhance the learning and development of students and has, in the past, funded a small portion of these requests, it is unfortunate that requests for funding cannot be granted at this time.

The number of requests and uncertain and unfortunate budgetary circumstances has made it necessary to conserve and focus resources on core programs and services that DOSA provides for the benefit of all WMU students.

DOSA supports the development of individuals and the WMU community through various leadership, personal development, academic development and achievement and cultural awareness initiatives and is committed to helping students and others navigate the various avenues that may be pursued when requesting assistance or by providing information regarding programs and services that are already offered throughout the DOSA and the University. The following agencies are the available funding sources for individual student and/or student organizations, as per their individual policies.

Western Student Association Allocations Committee – Allocates student activity fee funding to registered student organizations for on-campus programs and activities that are open to all Western Michigan University students and have a positive impact on the campus community. For more information, please visit the web site at www.wsa.wmich.edu/.

Graduate Student Advisory Committee – Allocates student activity fee funding to registered student organizations whose main composition is made up of graduate students or whose event is relative to the graduate student population or provides significant cultural or social enhancement to the WMU community. Main funding uses are general operations and event/speaker funding. For more information, please visit the web site at www.wmich.edu/gfac/GFAC.htm.

Campus Activities Board - Allocates student activity fee funding to registered student organizations and is limited to the funding of events that are open to all WMU students. For additional requirements, please visit the web site at www.cab.wmich.edu/about/org_funding.html.

You can find contact information for the on-campus groups at <http://studentworld.wmich.edu/>.

For additional resources outside of those offered by DOSA and University Community, we recommend checking with professional organizations related to your area of interest, any special grant programs within your area of study, or with Student Financial Aid regarding scholarship availability.