



Wright State University's

MULTICULTURAL CENTER

*Asian/Native American Center
Bolinga Black Cultural Resource Center
Women's Center
LGBTQA Affairs*

LILLIE P. HOWARD STUDENT NEED-BASED GRANT FUND

PURPOSE

The Lillie P. Howard Student Need-Based Grant Fund was established in 1997 by Dr. Lillie P. Howard; additional gifts have also been made by family, friends and co-workers in her honor. The fund assists students whose financial needs are not currently being met by existing financial aid programs (federal, state, local; grants; scholarships; attractive loans) and/or students for whom loans would be overly burdensome. This fund is also meant to address immediate, short-term and unanticipated financial hurdles and/or to get students out of any financial bind which threatens their ability to continue their education at Wright State University.

BACKGROUND

Lillie P. Howard joined the faculty of Wright State University as an assistant professor of English in 1975. Over the next 35 years, until her retirement as Senior Vice President for Curriculum and Instruction in June, 2010, she advanced through the ranks of university administration, while embodying Wright State's vision of transforming the lives of its students and the communities it serves. Viewed by all as a champion for all of Wright State's students, Howard is particularly dedicated to supporting student from diverse populations. She also greatly valued and supported activities to improve the first year experience for students at Wright State, and played a significant role in a national initiative to bring attention to the importance of strong first year experience programming.

Howard was the driving force behind almost every major initiative to improve the student experience. Numerous programs, including freshmen convocation, the common text, learning communities, Writing Across the Curriculum, and General Education began and grew because of Dr. Howard.

From making a difference in the lives of thousands of students to spearheading a top-quality curriculum, Lillie P. Howard has been a leading innovator in the history of Wright State University. Her legacy will live on for generations of Wright State students to come.

GRANT FUND GUIDELINES

The Lillie P. Howard Student Need-Based Grant Fund will be awarded as needed, and as funds are available, by a committee established annually by the Women's Center, the Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center, the Asian and Native American Center, and the Office of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer/Ally Affairs. Grants will be distributed in accordance with the Foundation spending policies.

Grant Fund Process:

- Student must submit an application with supporting documentation to include a written request outlining the basic circumstances and need. Applications must be received by November 1 for the fall term and February 1 for the spring term.
- The Lillie P. Howard Student Need-Based Grant Review Committee will meet as needed to process the submitted applications of student applicants.
- The student may be requested to meet with a representative from the Review Committee.
- The student will be notified by e-mail and/or phone as to whether the grant was approved or denied.
- Funds will be distributed through the Office of Financial Aid.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Student must be:

- Currently enrolled as an undergraduate or continuing student at Wright State University;
- Presently in good academic and judicial standing with Wright State University; and
- Able to document unusual financial need over and above their financial aid eligibility.
- A new applicant to the fund (only one grant is possible per academic year).

Hard copies of completed applications should be submitted to the Division of Multicultural Affairs and Community Engagement, 224 University Hall.

Lillie P. Howard Student Need-Based Grant Application

 Name/Last First Middle Name You Go By Pronouns

 Street Address City State Zip

 U Number Telephone WSU E-mail

 Major College G.P.A.

Anticipated Graduation: _____
 Quarter Year

Amount Requested from the Lillie P. Howard Student Need-Based Grant Fund: _____

The attached worksheet **must** be completed and attached with supporting documentation. In addition, expand upon answers to the questions below on a separate typed paper.

1. Do you have financial aid? If yes, has this been reduced or are you no longer eligible to receive financial aid? Please note that verification from the Financial Aid Office must be included with your request. (For help with this please contact nicole.carter@wright.edu)
2. Did you have any student loans for which you are no longer eligible?
3. Has one or more member of your immediate family experienced a loss of income?
4. What has changed in your own family's financial situation?
5. Do you have any other extenuating circumstances?

Financial reasons will be considered only if they can be verified as significant, unforeseen, and/or beyond current financial aid assistance. Supporting documentation must demonstrate significant financial need or hardship. Please take the time to break down your projected monthly expenses and income using the attached table. Failure to provide substantive information may hinder your request.

Please read and sign below:

I authorize the release of all grant application materials—including transcripts, verification of enrollment, cumulative grade point average, number of credit hours earned and financial information—to the members of the Wright State University selection committee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Committee Approval

Terms of and reason for grant (in the amount of _____) have been discussed with student

_____ Director, WSU Women's Center
 _____ Director, WSU Bolinga Center
 _____ Director, WSU AHNA Center
 _____ Director, WSU LGBTQA Affairs

Committee Disapproval

Reason for disapproval have been discussed with student/s

_____ Director, WSU Women's Center
 _____ Director, WSU Bolinga Center
 _____ Director, WSU AHNA Center
 _____ Director, WSU LGBTQA Affairs

Financial Request Worksheet

Lillie P. Howard Student Need-Based Grant Fund

	Monthly Expenses
Rent/ On-Campus Housing Cost	
Electricity (off-campus only)	
Gas	
Cable TV Service (off-campus only)	
Internet Access (off-campus only)	
Furnishings (off-campus only)	
Supplies (Books, Laptop, Etc.)	
Transportation	
Meal Allowance/Food/Meal Plan	
Other 1:	
Other 2:	
Income:	

Documentation

Applicants should provide supporting documentation (financial aid award letter, pay stubs (if applicable), class schedule, etc.) as necessary to support their applications. Failure to provide adequate information may hinder requests.