

WASHINGTON SEMINAR GRANT APPLICATION

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The generosity of several donors and Washington Seminar alumni have made the grants possible. Those donors include the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Forrest and Ester Packard Endowed Scholarship, the Bryant and Marianne Foulger Endowment, and the Washington Seminar Alumni Gift Endowment. Funds generated from these gifts are intended to provide financial assistance to students participating on the Washington Seminar who have demonstrated financial need.

Criteria

All students accepted for participation on the BYU Washington Seminar for a semester length program who do not receive a paid internship are eligible to be considered for a grant (exceptions may be granted as noted below). Funds are awarded based strictly upon student financial need. Note that students participating for Spring or Summer term only are not eligible for a grant.

Application Procedure

A grant application should be submitted in tandem with the application for admission to the Washington Seminar. The deadline for both is typically the same date (see the Washington Seminar Semester Calendar for the specific date). However, because of the time needed for processing the application, grant applicants are encouraged to submit the FAFSA and application forms (see below) as early as possible (about a month prior to the program application deadline is adequate).

The following forms must be submitted by the deadline in order for your grant application to be considered:

1. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Complete the FAFSA on-line form and submit it to the U.S. Department of Education as early as possible before the Washington Seminar application deadline. If you have completed this form in applying for other financial aid (e.g. Stafford Student Loan or Pell Grant) during the same year you are applying for a Washington Seminar grant, you do not need to resubmit it. **All students (except for international students) seeking one of the Washington Seminar grants must complete and submit this form to the U.S. Department of Education, even if they may not otherwise qualify for federal financial support.** The Washington Seminar does not use the same standards for awarding funds as does the federal government. However, the data supplied in this form is important to establish the level of student need.

2. Washington Seminar Grant Application. Form A is to be completed and submitted to the Washington Seminar office by the posted deadline. You must make certain it is a clear, complete and accurate description of your financial resources during the semester you will be on the Washington Seminar. If the application is not filled-out completely your request will be denied. Average costs for housing, food and transportation can be obtained in the Washington Seminar office. **If you will receive ANY financial support from your parents during the semester you will participate on the Washington Seminar or if they have provided you with any support during the past year, THEY must complete Form B (Parent Information) and submit it to the Washington Seminar office by the deadline.** You are encouraged to attach any supporting statements or other documents that will help clarify your financial situation and assist the Grant Committee to better evaluate your needs. It is very important to be totally honest and accurate in the information given.

Awarding of Funds

Grant applicants will be notified at the time they are accepted to the Washington Seminar if they qualify for a grant

and the amount of support they are to receive. Funds are not distributed as cash awards but are credited to the student's account with Brigham Young University at the beginning of the semester they are on the Washington Seminar. **Be aware that awards are rarely made in excess of tuition costs and that most awards are equivalent to half tuition.** However, qualifying students may also receive a Washington Seminar grant in addition to other financial aid such as a scholarship or Pell Grant up to the Financial Aid Office estimate of the “cost of attendance” (see the Financial Aid Office for details).

Grant recipients who are placed in an internship that provides any financial remuneration (i.e. salary, stipend, commuting or travel allowance) will have their grant lowered by the total amount of the remuneration. It is expected that students will notify the Washington Seminar office prior to the start of the internship of any compensation they anticipate will be given to them. Grant recipients confronting particular financial hardships may petition the Grant Committee for an exception to this policy.

Questions concerning the Washington Seminar grant-in-aid or the application procedures should be directed to the Washington Seminar office (422-6029).

WASHINGTON SEMINAR GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION FORM A - Personal Statement

1. Name _____

2. Student Number _____ - _____ - _____

3. Date FAFSA statement mailed: _____

4. Participating on Washington Seminar: Fall Winter Spring-Summer (combined)

5. Marital Status during Washington Seminar: Single Married

If married, will spouse accompany you to D.C.? yes no

6. My parents have provided me with financial support during the past 12 months: yes no

7. My parents will be providing me with financial support during the Washington Seminar: yes no

**If your parents will be providing any financial support during your Washington Seminar experience or if they have provided you with any financial support in the past year, they must complete Form B (Parent Information) and send it to the Washington Seminar office.*

8. List your current monthly expenses below.

Rent \$ _____

Food _____

Transportation _____

Loan Payments _____

Credit Card Payments _____

Entertainment _____

Auto (gas & maint.) _____

Insurance _____

Miscellaneous _____

Other (list) _____

TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES \$ _____

9. If you have an automobile, please fill in the blanks below.

Type and make _____

Year _____

Car was a gift to me yes no

Purchasing car yes no

monthly payment _____

balance due _____

Will you be taking this car to Washington? yes no

10. Current Employer

How long employed there? _____

Hours per week working _____

Total monthly income \$ _____

Will you return to this job after Washington Seminar? yes no

Indicate any other current income source and amount _____

RESOURCES DURING WASHINGTON SEMINAR		EXPENSES DURING WASHINGTON SEMINAR	
Savings	\$	Tuition	\$
Loans (list)		Rent	
		Food	
Scholarships (identify)		Transportation	
		Loan Payments	
Tuition Benefits		Credit Card Payments (total)	
Social Security Benefits		Entertainment	
Parents/Family*		Auto (gas & maint.)	
If married, estimate of spouse's total income		Insurance	
Other (list)		Miscellaneous	
		Other (list)	
11. TOTAL RESOURCES DURING WASHINGTON SEMINAR	\$	12. TOTAL EXPENSES DURING WASHINGTON SEMINAR	\$

13. Balance needed to fund Washington Seminar experience: \$ _____

If balance needed is greater than \$1,000.00, attach a statement explaining how you will fund the remaining amount.

I certify that the information on this form is a clear, accurate and complete description of my financial situation and that I will not have at my disposal any resources other than those indicated above. I understand that the withholding of information or giving of a false statement about my finances will be grounds for automatic revocation of any grant-in-aid funds I may have received and is a violation of the BYU Honor Code. Furthermore, I agree to report to the Washington Seminar office any money I may receive as compensation from my internship.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

Attach any additional information that would help the MacArthur Grant Committee to better evaluate your financial situation.

**MACARTHUR GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION
FORM B - Parent Information**

Applicant's Name

NOTE!

THE APPLICANT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST PERSONALLY COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS FORM. THE APPLICATION WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF THIS FORM IS COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT.

To Parent or Legal Guardian: Your son or daughter is making application for a grant-in-aid from the Brigham Young University Washington Seminar. Because you have provided financial support to the applicant during the past twelve months or will be providing it during the Washington Seminar, the following information is needed to determine his or her eligibility. The information provided will be kept in strictest confidence and will be made available only to the members of the MacArthur Grant Committee.

Father's Name

Mother's Name

Mailing Address

Mailing Address

Telephone Occupation

Telephone Occupation

1. What is last reported total yearly income of your household?

2. How many persons, including the applicant, will you claim on your Income Tax Statement for the coming year?

3. How many persons are you supporting in college?

4. How many persons are you supporting on missions?

5. Are you or your spouse BYU faculty or staff? Yes No

6. How much money have you contributed to the applicant's support during the preceding twelve months?

7. How much total financial support do you expect to provide to the applicant in the coming twelve months?

8. How much money will you contribute to the applicant during his or her internship in Washington, D.C.?

9. If unusual family circumstances exist, attach an explanation.

I certify that the above information is complete and correct.

SIGNED _____

DATE _____

Mail completed form to:
Washington Seminar, 976 SWKT, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602
or fax to 801-422-0227