

## **WESLEYAN STUDENT POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT FUND**

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

#### **What is the maximum amount the fund will allot per student?**

Fall, Winter, and Spring PEF cycle awards are capped at \$500 per student, for a maximum of \$1500 for the academic year. PEF summer cycle awards are capped at \$5000 per student.

#### **What kinds of projects have students worked on previously?**

See previous student work at our [Engage Blog](#) and in the [Wesleyan Connection](#).

#### **Can seniors apply?**

Seniors can apply for fall, winter and spring cycles. Seniors cannot receive summer cycle grants post-graduation.

#### **What if I'm organizing a project on behalf of a group?**

Once a project description and budget has been finalized by your group, each student that will be engaged must apply separately using the following guidelines.

- Each student should submit their own application with:
  - A budget for their individual expenses, (for instance, one student may be living at home, one student may need to pay for accommodation so their individual expenses will be different)
  - The group project description
  - The group budget

Each student will receive funds individually, through direct deposit. Please note, students can apply for up to \$500 for the fall, winter, and spring Political Engagement Fund cycles (up to \$1500 annually) and up to \$5000 in the summer cycle.

#### **What expenses can be covered?**

Students can apply to the Political Engagement Fund for costs associated with the following ([see this link](#) for standard costs):

- Lodging Expenses
- Food Expenses (related to engagement)
- Travel Expenses: Airfare, Train Tickets, Bus Fare/Tickets, Subway/Metro Fare, Mileage (70 cents per mile)
- Program Expenses: Tuition (non-Wesleyan), Conference Fees, Supplies (i.e. notebooks, books, pens)

Political Engagement Fund grants may **not** be used for any of the following:

- Payment/wages to applicant
- Payment/wages to others
- Personal expenses deemed non essential to the project
- Other discretionary expenses deemed unrelated to the proposed project
- Tuition at Wesleyan University

- Purchasing or leasing a vehicle
- Equipment that will be retained by student or host organization (i.e. cameras, lighting equipment, laptops, etc.)

**What are some standard costs for food or mileage?**

Here's a good resource for estimating the costs of lodging and meals in different parts of the country: [Per diem rates | GSA](#). Keep in mind that your lodging and food costs might also be impacted by price surges due to popular events or locations. The Federal reimbursement rate for mileage is \$.70 a mile.

**When will I know if my application has been approved?**

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Expect to be notified of application decisions within 7-10 business days after your application submission.

**If approved, how long will it take to receive the funds?**

Allow for up to 10-15 business days from notice of approval before your funds are processed.

**How will I receive the award?**

Funds will be directly deposited into the bank account on file with the university.

**Will I be taxed on this funding?**

Wesleyan does not issue 1099 tax documents for these payments. Please consult your family or tax expert about self-reporting these funds.