



FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Student Diversity Grant Program

Diversity and Inclusion Office

2014-2015

The Purpose...

The purpose of the Student Diversity Grant is to encourage students to design and implement ways to move the University toward becoming a truly diverse institution. Diversity and collaboration are two of Ferris State University's core values. In order to encourage collaborative work among members of the University community, teams are encouraged to include students from different backgrounds. While all successful applications will emphasize some aspect of diversity, applicants are encouraged to think broadly and creatively about their proposals.



The Sport 4 Peace



The Diversity and Inclusion Office will provide \$20,000 each Fiscal Year, for distribution as Student Diversity Grants.

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The Process...

Eligibility: Applicants are invited from Ferris students, clubs, and organizations. Proposals must be made up of collaborative teams; no awards will be given to students working alone.

The Award: The amount of the award will vary, depending upon the nature of the project and the impact it will have on University life. Selected proposals are funded \$100 to \$2,000.

Selection Process: Applications may be submitted at any time. The Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion will decide which grants are approved and funded.

Applications will be judged primarily on the soundness of the proposal; the feasibility of completing the activity within the proposed schedule; the degree to which it furthers Ferris' diversity mission; the collaborations created; and, the potential impact on student and University life.

A final report is required and it will appear on the Diversity and Inclusion Office's website. That report is due no later than three months after the funded activity.

Failure to submit a final report will disqualify applicants from receiving future Diversity Grants.

For a RSO (Registered Student Organization) applying for grants, please request funding from Student Government Finance Division BEFORE applying for Diversity grants. Be advised, application process is complex and deadlines must be met.



Chinese New Year Celebration

Proposals...

Proposals should address one or more of the following:

- Increasing deeper understanding of diversity related issues on Ferris State University campuses.
- Maintaining, enhancing, or establishing inclusive environments that are conducive to the success of all students at Ferris State University.
- Implementing strategies for building collaborative diversity efforts at the University.
- Identifying and implementing approaches to help historically underrepresented groups achieve success at Ferris.

Previous Grant Examples



B.L.A.C.K. Image Awards

- * Ramadan Celebration
- * LEAD Conference
- * Naomi Tutu Visit
- * Fag Bug
- * French Field Trip
- * Eid Mubark Islamic Celebration
- * Diwali Festival
- * After Glow
- * Minority Collegiate Golf Championship
- * YBBW Poetry Jam
- * DSGA Pride week
- * Take Back the Night
- * Vagina Monologues
- * "The Sport 4 Peace" event
- * Chinese New Year
- * BLACK Diversity & Creativity Contest
- * YBBW Comedy Jam
- * Love Your Body Day
- * My Sister's Keeper
- * Brotherhood Brunch
- * *Brother Outsider* Film showing
- * Signs for Big Event
- * "Does God Exist" Debate
- * Alpha Phi Alpha District Conference
- * Black Male Summit

