

The 2019-2020 SNAME Scholastic Grant Program

Overview

The SNAME Scholastic Grant Program awards grants to support student member activities. Different from the Scholarship Program, this funding mechanism benefits a larger number of students and supports specific activities or needs. Students shall use these grants to pay for costs associated with specific activities or events that enable experiences that contribute to the students' growth towards a professional career in the marine industry.

Application and 2019-2020 Granting Priorities

Students may apply for grants to support activities including, but not limited to:

- Student trips, including travel and attendance at SNAME and other professional meetings and conferences
- Student Section Professional Development Activities
- Student Research and/or Development Projects
- Student competitions (SailBot, concrete canoe, etc.)
- Student papers

Applications shall include: (see the sample application attached)

- 1) Student name(s)
- 2) Student Section (if any)
- 3) Title of Activity or Project
- 4) Statement of purpose, goals and objectives
- 5) Expected benefits to the student(s), SNAME, and/or the Profession
- 6) Schedule and metrics to be evaluated at the end of the grant period.
- 7) Requested grant amount. Budgets, as part of the application, will be developed in the students' home currency. Awards will be made in US dollars applying the exchange rate at the time of the award. The application shall indicate to whom funds shall be sent.
- 8) Prior to grant award, endorsement of the activity or project will be required of the Student Section Adviser at the student's institution or if none, by the leadership of the parent SNAME section.

There are two application deadlines: Generally October 1st and April 1st, but the fall deadline is extended to October 25, 2019. Applications may be accepted after the April 1st deadline, but before the end of the fiscal year (June 30th), until the funds are exhausted. The total 2019-2020 funding for the program is US\$10,000.

Applications will be reviewed and awards announced within a month after the application deadline. The SSAC will have sole discretion in making the awards and will report to the Executive Committee after awards are made.

Required Reporting

Grant awardees will be required to submit a summary report of the funded activity within 30 days of the conclusion of the activity. As a rough guide, funding for activities such as meeting attendance or small-scale Student Section Professional Development Activities shall be summarized in about 300 words. Larger scale travel, competition, or research work shall be summarized in about 1000 words. Pictures and graphics should be included.

Failure to report or the inability to reach the stated purpose or goals may make that Student Section ineligible for grant funds the following year.

Eligibility

- 1) The program is open to all students who are SNAME Student Members when their grant application is reviewed.
- 2) Applications can be made by one student or a group of students (all must be student members).
- 3) Funds shall not be used for general education, textbooks, student section operating and entertainment expenses. The final decision will be at the discretion of the Scholastic Grants Sub-Committee.
- 4) Students could win more than one grant, either in the same year or in subsequent years and could be awarded a grant and a scholarship.

Program Structure and Process

This program is administered by the Headquarters staff in consultation with the Student Section Advisors Committee (SSAC) via their Scholastic Grants Sub-Committee.

Grant Logistics

Maximum award will be US\$1,000, unless there are excess funds which may be allocated at the Sub-Committee's discretion.

The Student Section Advisor will oversee the spending of the grant funds. In the absence of a Student Section Advisor the SNAME parent section will oversee the spending. It is recognized that in some cases the funding would have to fall inside the university or college system. If this is a requirement, then the university administration fees shall be paid by the grant winner or Advisor from the grant funds.

The SNAME Scholastic Grant Program Application

- 1) Date Submitted:
- 2) Student Name(s):
- 3) Student Section:
Parent SNAME Section:
- 4) Title of Activity or Project:
- 5) Statement of purpose, goals and objectives:
- 6) Expected benefits to the student(s), SNAME, and/or the maritime profession:
- 7) Schedule and metrics to be evaluated at the end of the grant period:
- 8) Requested grant amount, and budget, if different. List specific costs, if known, or estimates. Provide the name and address of the person/organization to whom the grant funds should be sent. This will either be the school comptroller, SNAME parent section treasurer, or other organization. Funds will not be sent directly to members. Provide the amounts in your country's currency.
- 9) Prior to grant award, endorsement of the activity or project is required of the Student Section Advisor at the student's institution or if none, by the leadership of the SNAME parent section. Provide the name and email address of your endorser.

Send the application, or questions, to:
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