

# *Center for* **GLOBAL EDUCATION** *and EXPERIENCE*

## MARY WITT SCHOLARSHIP FUND PROGRAM POLICY

### **Purpose of the Fund**

The Mary Witt Scholarship Fund was established in 1987 in memory of Mary Witt, who was killed in a car accident several months after participating in a Center for Global Education & Experience (CGEE) customized program to Central America. The Center attached the fund to Mary's name because of her inspiring commitment to a more inclusive, just and peaceful world. The money in this small fund enhances opportunities for persons lacking sufficient personal resources, especially persons of color, to participate in Center for Global Education & Experience customized program and meet their counterparts in other countries who are working for social change.

Due to the limited size of the fund of about \$4,000/year and the many requests we receive, we are currently targeting scholarships to individual persons of color. **Final decision regarding the awarding of funds rests with the Center for Global Education & Experience.**

### **General Criteria**

1. Should apply at least two months prior to the expected date of departure.
2. Will be expected to contribute a portion of the total cost of the trip.
3. Should be able and willing to share their experiences upon return with CGEE in the form of a written summary. We also encourage scholarship recipients to share photographs from the seminar with CGEE. Our expectation is that program participants will share their experiences with their community networks (e.g. university/college campus, faith community, family, etc.).

### **Specific Criteria**

1. Should meet the general criteria and be a member of one of the groups listed under the purpose of the program.
2. Should be able to document financial need. Student status alone will not be sufficient documentation of financial need. Students may be requested to provide financial aid documents.
3. Will be encouraged to explore other resources prior to seeking CGEE scholarship funds.

The maximum grant per group will not exceed 20% of total cost for all participants, according to the resources available to the Center for Global Education & Experience.

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**Travel/Study groups seeking funds from this program:**

1. Should ensure that the group includes broad representation of the peoples for whom the scholarship fund is intended.
2. Will be encouraged to explore other financial resources, internal as well as external, prior to seeking CGEE scholarship funds.
3. Should have or be able to raise at least 80% of funds needed for the group's trip, apart from the CGEE scholarship.
4. Will be expected to return scholarship money if they raise funds sufficient enough to assume the total costs of the trip.
5. Will be given preference for funding if they pool their resources (i.e. have a shared travel fund vs. individual payments)
6. May apply for funds for an individual participant who meets the general criteria and criteria for individual applicants.

**MARY WITT SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
Group Application**

Name of Group: \_\_\_\_\_

List of Customized Program Participants (individuals who plan to attend seminar): \_\_\_\_\_

In-Group Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Group Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Daytime Telephone #1:

Preferred Daytime Telephone #2:

Preferred Email #1:

Preferred Email #2:

Questions (please attach a separate sheet):

- 1) What is your group about and why have you all come together to plan a customized program?
- 2) What is the constitutional make-up of your group (ethnicity, age, gender, income-level)?
- 3) Using the Mary Witt Scholarship Policy as a guide, indicate the factors that make your group an appropriate recipient of scholarship funds.
- 4) What are some of the different expectations group members have of this travel seminar?
- 5) What plans does your group have for sharing your learning and experiences from this travel seminar?
- 6) Is your group committed to returning all unused scholarship funds to the Center for Global Education & Experience?
- 7) Is there any other information you would want us to know prior to making our decision?

Total Cost of the Customized Program (per person, including airfare):

Amount of the total cost that the group expects to fundraise:

Number and kind of fundraising activities planned:

Amount of Scholarship Funds requesting:

Please indicate additional sources of funding or resources that you expect to attain for this customized program:

Please return this application to Attn: Olee Amata, Center for Global Education & Experience,  
2211 Riverside Avenue, Campus Box 307, Minneapolis, MN 55454, [amata@augsborg.edu](mailto:amata@augsborg.edu).

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