



## **Greyhound Adventure Grants** **Financial Support for Vocational Exploration**

*Greyhound Adventures* is a program of the **Ecumenical and Interfaith Programs Office (EIP)** to help students explore callings and careers and to encourage their own contributions to the University of Indianapolis tradition of *Education for Service*.

### **Who and what sort of experiences qualify for the GA grant program?**

- ❖ Applicants must be University of Indianapolis undergraduate students enrolled full-time and in good standing.
- ❖ Adventures are considered that include a significant service-learning or volunteer component. Other adventures may involve advocacy efforts related to a social concern or peace and justice issue. Adventures concerning matters of religious faith, theology, spiritual or vocational development qualify for GA funding. Certain educational and pre-professional experiences related to addressing a human, societal, or community need qualify for GA financial support.

### **Adventures funded by the GA grant program in the past include:**

- ❖ Annual mid-winter E & I Office-sponsored Appalachian Service Project trip to repair and winterize homes for those in need in Virginia and Kentucky.
- ❖ Spring term service-learning travel course to Gulf States for disaster cleanup and relief, home improvement and repair, teaching/tutoring, thrift store staffing, and community assistance.
- ❖ University-sponsored international service-learning, medical mission, cultural immersion travel experiences to Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Belize, Ecuador, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and international pilgrimages to Taize, France.
- ❖ Individually arranged humanitarian trips to Haiti, Peru, and Mexico.
- ❖ Organized marches and rallies to Washington D.C. and School of the Americas, GA.
- ❖ Educational tours (Civil Rights Tour through the south).
- ❖ Academic and professional conferences (Global Missions Health Conference, Association for Humanist Sociologists Conference, National Honors Collegiate Conference).
- ❖ Religious, spiritual, and leadership retreats and faith witness opportunities (UMC Exploration Conference, UMC National Youth Workers Conference, Campus Crusade trips to urban areas).

### **How the Greyhound Adventures application/proposal process works:**

- ❖ Interested students should complete an application/proposal available on the Ecumenical and Interfaith Programs Office website, adding whatever supporting information may be helpful.
- ❖ Indicate on the application the type or category of GA grant for which you are applying.  
Category 1: Religious Faith and Practice and Vocational/Educational Adventures (up to \$300)  
Category 2: Local, Regional, National Volunteer, Humanitarian, and Service-Learning Adventures (up to \$400)  
Category 3: International Service-Learning and Vocational Development Adventures (up to \$750)
- ❖ Be sure to sign the form and obtain any needed signature/s before submitting it.

- ❖ The normal deadlines for submitting an application/proposal to the GA Grants Committee are **November 1 and March 1 each year**. In some cases an earlier submission and application review date may be considered. Your application must be submitted prior to the experience by these dates (no application for reimbursement of expenses for an unapproved project or activity will be considered). **The application/proposal is to be delivered to the Ecumenical & Interfaith Programs Office in the Schwitzer Student Center, Room 203.**
- ❖ Students awarded a GA grant should contact the Ecumenical and Interfaith Programs Office manager as soon as possible to take care of the paperwork necessary to be paid in a timely manner (788-2106 / [ctyree@uindy.edu](mailto:ctyree@uindy.edu), Schwitzer Student Center 203). Be sure to contact EIP well in advance of the start of your adventure and/or departure. Please remember that you will need to keep and submit copies of receipts for expenditures associated with the grant in a timely manner as well.

### **Additional Information and Advice:**

- ❖ Student interest in the Greyhound Adventures Program continues to increase each year. Not all applicants can or will be awarded a GA grant. GA funds are limited and awards are made on the basis of the perceived merit of the adventure by the committee and the quality of the application.
- ❖ Usually, successful applicants will be awarded only one GA grant per academic year unless the dollar amount given is small and/or there are special circumstances that may warrant an additional grant. The maximum amount any applicant would receive in a single year through this program is normally \$750.
- ❖ Generally, the GA program committee attempts to fund an applicant's adventure at a level of 25-50% of the total estimated cost of the experience. Occasionally, the award level is lower or higher depending on the number of applicants in any given year and the availability of GA funds. Under usual circumstances, applicants should not request an amount larger than that allowed for the award category being specified.
- ❖ In order to maximize your chances of receiving a grant in one of the three categories mentioned above, you will want to prepare an application/proposal that is *award-winning*. This takes a little time and care to make sure that you have provided all of the necessary information and have represented and expressed yourself well in the proposal. It is always appropriate to "cover" your application/proposal with an introductory letter addressed to the Greyhound Adventures Committee Members. For tips on how to prepare a winning application, view *Greyhound Adventures Application/Proposal Writing Tips* on the EIP Office website.
- ❖ Students who receive Greyhound Adventures grants are expected to share their experiences in some fashion with fellow students and members of the campus community. At minimum, the grant committee requests GA grant recipients to write up their experiences in a one page, 200-word reflection or report and submit it electronically to the committee within a month of the conclusion of the experience (send to [cytree@uindy.edu](mailto:cytree@uindy.edu)). This report may include a few photos or other "documentation" (e.g., conference or retreat brochure, travel itinerary, program information, etc.). Not submitting this report will eliminate the applicant from consideration for future GA grants.

**For more information concerning the Greyhound Adventures Grant Program, contact: Paul Gabonay (788-3290 / [gabonay@uindy.edu](mailto:gabonay@uindy.edu)), Kory Vitangeli (788-3485 / [kvitangeli@uindy.edu](mailto:kvitangeli@uindy.edu)), or the staff of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Programs Office (788-2196), Schwitzer Student Center.**