OVERVIEW
We believe in the value of experiential learning and encourage all undergraduate students in the School of Human Ecology (SoHE) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW) to seek out and participate in professional development opportunities to help them develop and hone career readiness skills prior to graduation. The goal of this scholarship program is to eliminate barriers that may prevent SoHE students and registered SoHE student organization members from engaging in professional development experiences with costs associated with participation; and provide equitable opportunities for students to be able to take advantage of activities that complement their career and leadership development.

ELIGIBILITY
In order to apply, students must:
- Be currently enrolled in one of the six SoHE majors
- Be in good academic standing with the School
- Have not previously been awarded a scholarship through this program
- Agree to write a 1-2 page summary describing their experience and key takeaways to share with other SoHE students within 2 weeks of their return
- Agree to write a thank you letter to the donors who helped fund their experience

SoHE student organizations must:
- Be registered with both the University and the School
- Be in good standing with the Committee on Student Organizations at the time of application
- Only apply to fund and send currently enrolled SoHE students
- Limit funding requests to support no more than 5 members
- Agree to the same student eligibility terms outlined above

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES
The following types of activities may be considered:
- Field trips, programs or events sponsored by a SoHE department, center or student organization
- Conferences, symposiums, workshops, or career events associated with a local, regional or national professional association related to one of SoHE’s six academic majors and/or student organizations
- Leadership or career development conferences or intensive experiences aimed at undergraduate students offered by a local, regional or nationwide college student development program or professional association
- Other related activities that demonstrate a close connection to one of SoHE’s academic programs and has a strong career and/or leadership development focus

APPLICATION
Students may apply for scholarships ranging from $25-1000. Applications must be received at least 4 weeks in advance, and provide the following:
- A detailed description of the opportunity, clearly outlining learning outcomes
- A conference/program agenda or brochure that provides an overview of topics that will be covered
- Essay responses that demonstrate how participation will help them advance their career development and professional goals
- An itemized budget of all estimated expenses associated with the activity
- A list of any additional financial support they may or will be receiving to help alleviate the costs of attendance,
- A statement of financial need, if applicable

PROCESS
1. Complete the online application at least 4 weeks in advance
2. A committee of SoHE staff will review within 2 weeks
3. Award decisions will be made and communicated to students
4. Scholarship amounts will be sent to the Bursar’s Office
5. Money will be directly applied to student’s tuition account

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