

W. Norris Duvall Leadership Endowment Fund Request for Proposals

Each academic year the W. Norris Duvall Leadership Endowment Fund, administered through the Department of Community and Leadership Development, will be accepting requests for proposals.

About the Trust

The W. Norris Duvall Leadership Endowment Fund is a renewable trust established for the purpose of enhancing student leadership opportunities. Through the generosity and foresight of the late Mr. W. Norris Duvall, of Todd County, Kentucky, the W. Norris Duvall Endowment for Youth Leadership, Ethics and Service was established with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment to support programs that assist students in developing leadership skills and a responsibility for ethical behavior.

"... it is my hope that all, or as many as possible, of tomorrow's potential leaders, will be exposed to and learn from the character and values of our founding fathers.

Their ethics stood for something and were largely what this country was built upon."

- W. Norris Duvall

Funding Available

Earnings from the trust are made available annually. Applications will be made available through the Duvall Leadership Endowment Fund Advisory Council. Available funds will be determined by the size and number of proposals awarded each year. Typical awards are anticipated to range from \$500 to \$12,000.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants for Duvall project funds include all faculty and staff in the Community and Leadership Development Department at the University of Kentucky. Collaborative proposals between CLD faculty/staff and other units, both internal and external to the University of Kentucky, are encouraged. Students interested in submitting proposals must work with CLD Faculty and/or staff to submit a proposal.

Eligible Projects:

Funding is intended to assist CLD department and CAFE students in expanded leadership development activities. Awards will be distributed to support projects that enhance student leadership in the following key areas:

Visiting Scholars/Speakers

The Duvall Leadership Endowment Fund supports the hosting of thought provoking leaders to speak and/or conduct workshops which support the leadership development of students. (Example: leader in residence or guest speakers on topics of leadership, ethics, or community development) The goal of the program is to bring to campus nationally and world renowned leaders, that have a strong Kentucky connection, known for their ethical style of leadership. Invited speakers are expected to provide lectures and/or lead in-depth discussions on leadership topics in the area of social, political, economic, ethical and legal conditions and their effect on leadership and decision making. Students have the opportunity to learn from and interact with the leader in residence, faculty and community leaders during discussion sessions held at the University of Kentucky and in community-based settings.

Student Leadership and Community Engagement

The Duvall Leadership Fund supports projects that connect student-leadership with community engagement and/or participatory action research initiatives. Plans for developing collaborative working projects will be respectful of the W. Norris Duvall priority of ethical leadership and be consistent with practices supported by the Engagement Scholarship Consortium¹ and the CDS Principles of Good Practice for community development². Funded projects will be designed to provide students with responsibility and leadership opportunities in pursuit of community identified priorities. Project proposals for student engagement should be developed in conjunction with a community partner and submitted as a proposal (by a CLD team) to *work with* an organization or group of community members. Proposals for student groups to go “*do a project*” without the collaborative consent of community partners will not be considered.

Examples may include: Engage community members in learning about and understanding community issues, and the economic, social, environmental, political, psychological, and other impacts associated with alternative courses of action; conducting community assessments, administering surveys, mobilizing program activities, or student involvement in community based research or initiatives.

Student Leader Scholarship Projects

The Duvall Leadership Fund supports projects in two emphasis areas:

Student Scholarships

- 1) Funding for student scholarships is intended to assist students with funds to attend professional conferences or workshops pertaining to leadership development. These funds are not intended to fund student internships. Examples include: Funding support to attend Agricultural Education events, leadership development programs, or community development conferences.

¹ Engagement Scholarship Consortium resources can be found at: <https://engagementscholarship.org>

²Community Development Society Principles of Good Practice can be found at: www.comm-dev.org/about-us

Travel Awards

Projects that support national or international study to promote student leadership, and community engagement opportunities. Funding may be used to support student travel, tuition, and/or fees associated with international study. Examples Include: International classes, student exchange, or student engagement experiences.

Student Leader Scholar fund recipients are expected to share learning outcomes through presentations or reports back to the department. Requests for funding should detail plans for how the learning will be shared with the department.

Proposal Submission Process

Proposals should provide details including name(s) of applicants and their department affiliation. A project proposal should include an overview that contains the amount of funding requested (budget), purpose of funding, how the project will enhance student leadership learning outcomes, and a description of how the program/project will be evaluated on student leadership development. Proposals should also include a timeline of project activities.

The submitted proposal should be a maximum of four pages (including the application form coverpage).

To submit a proposal, use the W. Norris Duvall Leadership Endowment Fund Request for Proposals Form available at <https://cld.ca.uky.edu/duvallfund> - and send to Lissa Pohl at lissa.pohl@uky.edu

Proposal Funding Timeline:

Request for Proposals (RFPs) will be made twice in an academic year - at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semesters. Request for Proposals are due by Oct 30th and by March 30th for funding available for the following calendar year. The Duvall Leadership Endowment Fund Advisory Committee will review proposals at the following times:

Oct 30 deadline - Reviewed November – December with funds awarded by Jan 25.

March 30 deadline – Reviewed by April 30 with funds awarded by May 15 .

Funds awarded must be utilized within a 12-month period after being received.