

SKIDMORE COLLEGE

**STUDENT OPPORTUNITY FUNDS**

**Purpose:** the President of the College and the Dean of Student Affairs provide small grants in support of worthwhile student academic, co-curricular, and leadership initiatives. Grants may be used to defray the costs of materials and supplies, for travel to a site critical to the project's completion, for attending a conference (especially when the student will make a presentation at the conference), for preparing project results for publication or display, etc.

**Criteria and Procedures:** applicants for funds must be full-time matriculated students, must demonstrate the merits of their proposed project or enterprise, must describe its relationship to the academic or co-curricular mission of the College (especially as the activity will enhance the student's education), explain the potential benefit of the project to the larger Skidmore community, and provide a detailed budget request. Funds may be used only for the purposes designated in the application; any unexpended funds must be returned to the College. Given the limits on available funds, no summer projects will receive grant support. Successful applicants agree to file a brief report with the Office of the Dean of Studies after completing their funded activity.

**Review Process:** all applications for Student Opportunity Funds should be submitted to the Office of the Dean of Studies, 4th floor of Palamountain. This office will forward completed academic applications to the Office of the President and submit completed co-curricular or leadership applications to the Dean of Student Affairs. The President and the Dean of Student Affairs make all final decisions.

All questions regarding Student Opportunity Funds  
should be directed to  
The Office of the Dean of Studies