

Student Opportunity Fund Criteria and Procedures

Applicants for funds must be full-time matriculated undergraduates, must demonstrate the merits of their proposed research or creative project by describing how the activity will enhance their education and benefit the larger Skidmore community, and must submit a detailed budget request with their proposals.

Student Opportunity Funds are awarded only to projects associated with an academic course taken the same semester.

The Student Opportunity Funds Committee will weigh in its deliberations the quality of the proposal, which should

- describe the project cogently and clearly;
- explain its contribution to both the field and the Skidmore community;
- justify all expenses;
- state clearly that the project can be completed in the allotted time frame.

Funds may be used only for the purposes designated in the application. Successful applicants agree to file a brief project report with the Associate Dean of the Faculty for Student Academic Affairs after completing their funded activity. Failure to do so by the conclusion of the semester of the award constitutes a violation of the Honor Code.

Reusable goods (such as computers, software, recording or video equipment, etc.) purchased with Student Opportunity Funds become the property of Skidmore College after the completion of the project.

What is not covered

Student Opportunity Funds are not granted to cover or defray costs that are not directly related to the development and completion of a project, nor do they cover food purchases or submission fees to journals.

Review Process

The Associate Dean of the Faculty for Student Academic Affairs makes all final decisions after consultation with the Student Opportunity Funds Committee, which consists of the Associate Dean and two faculty.