

Student Application for Upstate Institute Student Philanthropy Council 2009-2010

Sophomore and junior students interested in preservation of the cultural and environmental assets of the Upstate New York region are encouraged to apply to the Upstate Institute Student Philanthropy Council (SPC). The SPC is a student-driven philanthropic foundation created to enhance the upstate New York region. Participants gain invaluable knowledge and hands-on experience in philanthropy and the non-profit sector.

During the fall semester, experts in these fields lead seminars to guide the SPC in its efforts. In the winter, the SPC designs, solicits and evaluates Requests for Proposals (RFPs) from regional non-profits, and reaches group consensus on which will receive funding. In the spring, the SPC disburses a total of \$10,000 in grants to support regional non-profit organizations. The capstone is a celebration of the grantees and a brief report describing the justification for selecting the grantees.

The Brennan Family Foundation of Ohio is the generous underwriter for this initiative. The Upstate Institute staff coordinates the program in conjunction with the Sophomore Year Experience. For additional information, please see <http://upstate.colgate.edu> or contact Upstate Institute Director and Professor of Geography Ellen Percy Kraly at ekraly@mail.colgate.edu

Calendar

Applications are due Wednesday August 26 and should be submitted electronically to Upstate Institute Director Ellen Percy Kraly @ ekraly@colgate.edu. **Interviews for semi-finalists will be conducted on Monday, August 31.** Final notification will be made on Tuesday, September 1. **An organizational kick-off meeting will take place on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 4:30 pm at Case Library, Room 560.**

Fall

A Thursday Lecture series with experts in philanthropy and non-profit sector will take place on Thursdays from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

Winter

Workshops on developing and advertising a Request for Proposal including criteria on performance reports; creating a governance structure for the SPC Foundation; developing evaluation criteria for grantee applicants; preliminary review of submitted applications

Spring

Selection of semi-finalists; coordinating and attending site visits; taking photographs at sites; consensual group decision making to select finalists; preparation and presentation of SPC Celebration of Selected Grantees; completion of report to the Brennan Family Foundation outlining rationale for final selections; final program evaluations

Qualifications

This year, the Upstate Institute Student Philanthropy Council will focus its efforts on the preservation of environmental and cultural assets in the Upstate New York region. Students with interests and background in these areas and all areas of community development are encouraged to apply. Semi-finalists will be asked to attend a short interview. Other qualifications include:

- Full-time residency during 2009-2010 academic year
- Sophomore or Junior status
- Attendance at all lectures, workshops and meetings of the SPC
- Completion of short reading assignments related to lectures
- Demonstrated commitment to inclusive, group decision-making
- Professionalism and respectful attitude
- Colgate van license (may be acquired after selection to SPC)

Application Form

General Information

Name	
Class Year	
Concentration(s)	
Email address	
Campus mail address	
Home mail address	
Cell phone number	
Student ID#	
Gender (optional)	
Accommodations (optional)	
Cultural/Racial/Ethnic Background (optional)	

Why are you interested in participating in the SPC?

Describe your interest and background in the environment and culture including issues of sustainability. (Please include relevant coursework)

Group decision-making is a critical aspect of the SPC experience. Describe past experience or ideas on how you will approach this issue.

Elaborate on your strengths and experiences that you think would be relevant to the SPC

What role might Colgate play in enhancing the environmental and cultural assets of Upstate New York?

References

Please attach a list of 2 community or faculty references and a copy of your current transcript.