

WILL DODGE MEMORIAL FUND AWARDS

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH

The Will Dodge Memorial Fund was established to support students in their efforts to develop grass roots community organizing skills. Community organizing activities could include locality development, social planning, or social action. Grass roots organizing refers to working directly with vulnerable or underserved populations to achieve goals identified by that community.

Grants will be available to students to support course projects, special projects or Masters Projects that involve grass roots community organizing activities.

Students are invited to apply for activities, which will occur this academic year, including summer term. The applications should be in the form of a letter to Dennis Falk, Director of Graduate Studies, and should include the following elements:

1. A description of the vulnerable population being served
2. An indication of the needs to be addressed
3. The name(s) of any agencies with which you will be working or collaborating
4. A brief description of the project activities and your roles
5. A brief summary of the outcomes you hope to achieve
6. The dates of the proposed activities
7. Budget (optional depending upon the nature of the project)

Awards for the 2009-2010 academic year will range from \$500 to a maximum of \$1,000.

Note: If you're receiving the maximum financial aid this award could affect your loan amount. Priority will be given to students who enroll for 6 plus credits during the semester that the award is received. Failure to supply any part of the above will void the application.

In addition, one or two letters of support from agencies or groups with whom you anticipate working with would strengthen the application.

The broad criteria for making awards include the quality of the proposed learning activities, the anticipated impact of the project on meeting significant needs of a vulnerable or underserved group, and good academic standing.

Please submit your application to Denny Falk, Director of Graduate Studies, in BohH 212 in hard copy or by email at dfalk@d.umn.edu.

End of project reports are to be submitted to Rita the Student Support Assistant in the Department of Social Work.

Application Deadline: November 4, 2009.