

Urban Experience Program's Empowerment Award

Criteria and Award Process

The Urban Experience Program (UEP) promotes student success, educational equity, civic responsibility, and excellence in leadership values. To further these goals, the UEP provides financial assistance to students who are active in the program. This award is designed to improve the retention rate of the University of Houston and increase the number of successful UH graduates.

Understanding that college academics can be challenging, the purpose of the **Empowerment Award** is to support active UEP students that persevered in their academic studies. Our hope is that this grant will alleviate some of the financial burden of college and enable students to concentrate on their studies. The amount that you may receive from the Empowerment Grant program is a maximum of \$2,000.

Grant Eligibility

- Be currently enrolled at University of Houston Main Campus
- GPA of 2.9 or less at the time of application
- Be an active UEP member – attend at least three events per semester

Criteria for the Empowerment Award

- Full-time student taking at least 12 credit hours in the Spring 2018 semester
- Both merit and financial need will be considered
- Self-motivation in completing challenging coursework
- Have the potential to complete course of study even with a multiplicity of problems

How to Apply

Completing the application is the first step to being a recipient of the Encouragement or Empowerment Grant Award. All required documentation must be submitted as well. Once all documentation is received from each potential award candidate, the information will be reviewed by the UEP Awards committee.

Application Checklist

(All items must be completed and turned in at one time)

- Completed Application
- Letter of Recommendation
- Personal Statement
- Resume

Scholarship Award Process

The Urban Experience Program through its Awards Committee will grant 10 Empowerment awards during the Spring 2019 academic semester.

A one-time payment of up to \$2,000 will be awarded to each selected recipient for tuition, fees, and books. The Awards Committee may choose to adjust the scholarship award amount or the number of scholarships accordingly, based on the status of the scholarship fund.

Scholarship recipients are asked to provide proof of course registration before the funds are granted to the award recipients.

Recipients will be selected by the UEP Awards Committee, whose decisions are final. Deliberation of the UEP Awards Committee will be confidential.

Scholarship recipients will be notified via e-mail.

Scholarship recipients will be announced at our annual banquet and on the UEP's website.

If a scholarship award recipient withdraws from the university or becomes an inactive UEP member, the award will be revoked.

Applicants are eligible to apply and receive a scholarship in successive years.

The Urban Experience Award is awarded without regard to race, color, ancestry, sex, religion, age, handicap or veteran status.

**Return all application components to
The Urban Experience Program office –
Student Service Center 1, room 302**

Questions?

Call: 713-743-6032

Email: uepuh@central.uh.edu



Urban Experience Program Empowerment Grant Application

Date: _____ UH ID Number: _____

Personal Data

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Major: _____ Current GPA : _____

Classification: ___ Freshmen ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior

Do you currently live on or off campus?

___ Off Campus
___ On Campus

Are you currently an active UEP Member?

___ Yes
___ No

Free Response Please attach your responses to the following questions:

1. Why are you the best candidate for this scholarship award?
2. How will receiving the Empowerment Award help you to achieve your academic and professional goals? Your ability to communicate the hardships you have overcome or currently face will be taken into consideration.

Please make sure the following are attached to your application

- Letter of Recommendation**
- Personal Statement** including an explanation of your current GPA if necessary, for example the hardships you have overcome or currently face
- Resume** including: school extra-curricular activities - noting leadership roles and dates, community organizations such as service and volunteer organizations, and recognitions and awards you have received.

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