

Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild Learning Grant Fund

Guidelines for the BSWFG Learning Grant Fund

BSWFG has established a fund to be used for learning grants. These will be awarded to eligible BSWFG members to encourage them to attend conferences and workshops on weaving or other fiber-related educational programs, and to help defray the costs for these events.

These grants are awarded once each year at the March Board meeting and announced at the General membership meeting which follows. The grants are not intended to be needs-based, but rather to provide assistance to members who would like to increase their knowledge. Interested individuals should return an application form by the stated deadline.

Deadline

Learning Grant Fund Applications will be accepted until the stated deadline of each year. These applications will be considered by the BSWFG Board at their March meeting. If more information is needed, please contact the grant chairman.

Guidelines

The Learning Grant Fund has been created to promote educational opportunities in the fiber arts and carries the following guidelines:

1. The applicant must be a current member in good standing of the Black Sheep Weavers Fiber Guild. The BSWFG defines a member in good standing as any person who has been an active paid member for the full year prior to that in which submission is made for a grant.
2. Grants are given for a specific fiber workshop, conference, or other formal instruction. They are not awarded for vague further study. Funds awarded may be used by the recipient to cover the cost of the class, related workshop supplies, or room and board during the period of study. Grants will be given once each year at the March Board meeting. In the event that the workshop or conference takes place PRIOR to the March awards, the award recipient will be reimbursed in an amount up to \$50.
3. The maximum amount of each grant is \$50.
4. The number of grants is limited to four \$50 awards per year, and limited to one grant per person.
5. The candidate must complete the grant application form, keep a copy, and mail the completed application to be received by the stated deadline.
6. The grant chairman must receive completed applications no later than two weeks prior to the March Board meeting. This will allow the chairman time to present all of the requests to the Board for consideration.
7. The grant chairman will notify awardees in writing or via e-mail immediately following the March Board meeting. Awardees' names will also be announced at the March meeting of the general membership.
8. Grants are nontransferable and must be used for the specific purpose for which they were awarded. If for some unforeseeable reason the grant is not used, it must be returned to the BSWFG fund to be awarded to another applicant.
9. Each grant recipient is encouraged to present a program segment or a mini-workshop for Guild members, or to write an article for the BSWFG Newsletter on the results of the experience.

**BLACK SHEEP WEAVERS FIBER GUILD
LEARNING GRANT AWARD APPLICATION**

Name _____ Date _____

Phone _____ (H) Phone _____ (C)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

(please print legibly)

How long have you been a member of the Guild? _____
(To be eligible for a grant you must have been an active member for one full year from September-August)

Describe your participation in Guild activities; include such things as committee work, office(s) held, participation in exhibits, workshops, etc.:

How will you use the requested award? Please include: name of class/workshop; name of class/workshop instructor; dates of event.

How will the award add to your own fiber-art development?

How likely are you to complete your project if you are not awarded a grant?

BSWFG asks that you, after your completion of the planned activity, share your experience and work with the Guild. How would you do that?

Have you previously received a Learning Grant? _____

**Mail form to: Kathy Amerman/BSWFG Learning Grants
657 Woodside Drive, Milford, MI 48381**

Grant applications for 2019 must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2019

Application received: _____