

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 cost for these events.

These grants are awarded throughout the year. They are reviewed and approved at the Board meetings and announced at the General membership meetings. 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 to the board.

Deadline

Learning Grant Fund Applications will be accepted throughout the year and reviewed/considered at the next board meeting.

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 throughout the year.
3. The maximum award for each grant is \$100.
4. Awards are limited to one per person per year, not to exceed the total budgeted for that year.
5. The candidate must complete the grant application form, keep a copy, and submit the completed application to the BSWFG Board.
6. The board will review the applications at the next possible board meeting and either approve or deny the request. If approved, the decision will be shared at the general meeting following the board meeting.
7. Grants are non-transferrable 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.
8. Each grant recipient is encouraged to present a program segment or a mini-workshop for the Guild members, or to write an article for the BSWFG Newsletter on the results of the experience.