

Senior Professionals of Illinois State University 2009 Service Learning Awards Information Sheet

Illinois State University's Vision Statement for 2008 emphasizes a commitment to civic engagement. This commitment encourages undergraduate and graduate students to explore social and civic issues, participate in learning activities addressing social or political problems, and to develop a sense of civic commitment through intentional curricular and co-curricular activities.

The Senior Professionals of Illinois State University support and share a commitment to service learning projects.

The Senior Professionals of Illinois State University Service Learning Awards:

A total of up to \$500.00 will be available for awards to Registered Student Organizations for co-curricular activities.

Service Learning:

For the purpose of this project, The Senior Professionals of Illinois State University define Service Learning as an activity in which students confront social issues or become engaged in direct action aimed at the goals of civic improvement and education/reflection on the issue.

Service Learning Awards:

A selection committee will review applications from Registered Student Organizations that are involved in co-curricular civic projects which promote intellectual and experiential service learning and civic engagement.

Application Procedure:

The application form is available online at www.deanofstudents.ilstu.edu

The application is to be completed and printed by organization members and sent to the group's advisor for contact information and his/her signature.

Criteria:

Applicants will be assessed on the extent they address:

Description of the project (what is the project, how many people will be involved etc)

Goals of the project (what will be accomplished)

How the project will benefit the Bloomington-Normal community.

Financial breakdown (dollar amounts of items listed in importance to the project) Advisor's written signature and contact information on application form

Support material (optional)

Timeline:

The Service Learning Applications are due **October 16, 2009**

Awardees will be notified by **October 26, 2009**

The Service Learning Awards will be presented at The Senior Professionals of Illinois State University Board Meeting held on **November 9, 2009**

Monthly progress reports will be given to the committee chair in **January, February & March**

Projects must be completed by **March 31, 2010**

Senior Professional participation:

It is possible for Senior Professional members to work with the planning and/or implementation of the project. They have networks throughout the local community, serve as board members for many civic groups, and have knowledge of facilities and civic agencies.

Active: Senior Professional members would help with planning and implementation of the project.

Consulting: Senior Professional members would help with planning and contact information during the design of the project.

Selection Committee:

The selection committee is comprised of:

2 Senior Professional University Relations Committee members

1 Senior Professional Board member

1 Senior Professional At Large

1 ISU Representative from the Dean of Students Office

The Grant Recipients:

A representative must attend the Senior Professional Board Meeting and make a brief presentation concerning the project, November 9, 2009

A representative must attend the Senior Professional Annual Meeting in April, and make a brief presentation concerning the project.

Questions:

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Senior Professionals of Illinois State University was founded in 1989. It is an organization of 185 retired professionals who have been successful in their respective and diverse careers. They are dedicated to serving the university and community.

Senior Professional intergenerational involvement with students includes:

Mentoring

Sponsoring tables at the Etiquette Dinner

Conducting mock employment interviews

Providing monetary awards

Working at Passages

Establishing supportive activities for other university student programs

**Senior Professionals of Illinois State University
Service Learning Awards
2009 Grant Application**

Project/Title _____

Amount of grant requested _____

Registered Service Learning Organization _____

Contact name _____ Phone _____

Advisor's
signature _____ Phone _____

Please complete the following:

Project Description (a brief description of the project, who will be involved, the goals of the project, and how the project will benefit the Bloomington, Normal community.)

A financial breakdown of funds needed and what they will be used for. (A full funding may not be possible)

Will this project receive funds from other sources? Yes No

If yes, please explain.

Would it be beneficial to the organization and the project to have Senior Professional members involved as active participants or as consultants? (see the information sheet) Yes No

If yes, please explain the role you would like them to take.

Completed applications need to be sent by October 16 to:

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