



The Lori Ann Schwab '95 Alumni Grant

*“If the end of
life is service,
as we believe, it is
the duty of the College
to do more than hold up
an ideal of service.”*

**—PRESIDENT JOHN H. T. MAIN,
AT HIS 1906 INAUGURAL ADDRESS**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Lori Ann Schwab '95 was committed to making the world a better place by helping others, but her life was cut short by a sudden illness while she was studying in London in 1994. The Lori Ann Schwab '95 Alumni Grant recognizes the ongoing community service of Grinnellians who were at the College with Lori. The grant provides stipends to support specific projects or fulfill the needs of nonprofit service organizations or public schools in which these individuals are significantly involved.

ELIGIBILITY

Grinnell College alumni (defined by the College as anyone who was enrolled at least one full semester) from the classes of 1992 through 1998 are eligible to apply for the grant.

GRANT AND CRITERIA

The number of grants awarded varies from year to year based on the financial performance of the fund and the number of applications deemed deserving. Each grant awarded is for a minimum of \$250 and a maximum of \$1,500.

Applications for grants must demonstrate a tangible benefit to others. Stipends may be used to support original projects, to supplement existing projects or programs, or to fund professional development. *Preference will be given to proposals that benefit children.**

The alumnus must be significantly involved as a staff member or a volunteer at the organization or public school that benefits from the grant.

Organizations (with the exception of public schools) must be 501(c)(3) nonprofits as defined by the IRS.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are solicited through classletters and class listservs for appropriate classes and through College publications. The deadline for applications is the third Wednesday in February. Members of the selection committee include faculty and staff from the Office of Service and Social Commitment and Office of College and Alumni Relations, who will consult with members of Lori Ann Schwab's family. Recipients are announced at Reunion and recognized in College publications.

The grant is paid directly to the individual who submits the application. The recipient may keep the amount of his/her grant needed to defray any tax burden incurred as a result of the award.

**The following examples of possible unfunded or underfunded needs (listed in random order) are meant to stimulate thought but not to limit ideas:*

- Books, art supplies, or science equipment
- Health or safety outreach programs
- Senior/school or “buddy” partnerships
- Field trips to museums or environmental centers
- Activities in homeless shelters
- Attendance at conferences or workshops on learning disorders





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APPLICATION FORM

I. PERSONAL DATA

- Name and Class Year _____
- Postal Address _____
- E-mail Address _____
- Fax _____
- Major at Grinnell _____

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Please answer the following questions in a brief essay (2–3 pages long):

- Describe your project. Why is it important? What are its goals?
- Why is this project especially important to you?
- What is your work plan (if applicable)?

III. ENCLOSURES

Please provide the following enclosures with your application:

- Proposed project budget
- Letter of support from your sponsoring organization/public school
- Confirmation of 501(c)(3) status (if applicable)

IV. ATTESTATION AND SIGNATURE

I attest that the information provided in my application and project description is a good-faith representation of what I will undertake, and that I will use the grant awarded to me for the purposes detailed in my application.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Application deadline: Third Wednesday in February

Send all materials to: Office of Service and Social Commitment, 1233 Park Street, Grinnell, IA 50112

Questions: 641-269-4408