



Wilson Center SCOPE Grants for Community Service & Social Justice

Spring 2022 Application

Mission: The Wilson Center's SCOPE (Student Community Outreach Program Experience) grants were established to provide opportunities for University of Maine students to explore their values, act on their concerns, develop leadership skills, and build connections. The Wilson Center will select two student leaders or groups each year to receive SCOPE grants in the amount of \$750 each to fund semester-long projects of their choosing.

Project Guidelines: Proposed projects should address a particular social justice issue or community need. Potential issues include poverty, homelessness, hunger, domestic violence, barriers to school or job success, environmental degradation, access to quality medical care, gender discrimination, racism, and LGBTQ+ issues. This list is not exclusive; we welcome creativity in addressing a wide range of issues.

Projects may involve, but are not limited to:

- Creating a new community service project
- Organizing a community awareness event
- Creating a new media product, marketing campaign, or fundraiser for an organization or cause
- Serving as a student representative for an existing committee in the surrounding community

If you have a project idea and are not sure whether it is an appropriate fit for the SCOPE grant program, please email scopegrants@gmail.com and ask!

We highly encourage collaboration with an established community partner. While support from a community partner is not required for SCOPE grants, in our experience it can be helpful to both the initial efforts and sustainability of student-led social justice initiatives.

Eligibility: You must be a University of Maine undergraduate or graduate student with a 2.5 or higher GPA in order to receive a SCOPE grant.

Reporting: SCOPE grant recipients must:

- Be willing to attend regular check-ins with Wilson Center staff during the project period
- Provide a one-page written progress update mid-way through project completion
- Present about the finish project to the Wilson Center board upon project completion
- Be available for follow-up communication with Wilson Center staff for one calendar year from receipt of grant

Half of grant funds will be given at the beginning of the project period. The second installment will be given upon receipt of the written project update mid-way through project completion.

Timeline:

- March 1: SCOPE grant applications due (details on next page)
- March 5-14: SCOPE grant finalists invited for in-person interviews
- March 15: Finalists notified whether their grants are selected for funding
- Project and reporting deadlines TBD based on individual project constraints



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Application Checklist: A complete application will include all of the following elements. See below for detailed instructions regarding some checklist items. A blank cover sheet is included at the end of this document.

- ☐ Completed and signed Cover Sheet (including contact information for two personal references)
- ☐ Project Proposal
- ☐ Project Budget
- ☐ Current resume
- ☐ Current UMaine transcript (an unofficial transcript obtained through MaineStreet is acceptable)

Please send complete applications to scopegrants@gmail.com by 11:59pm March 1st, 2022 in order to be considered for the Spring 2022 grants. Finalists will be contacted for an interview with the selection committee and decisions will be made by March 15th 2022.

Project Proposal: Please compose a two-part essay that addresses the following prompts.

1. What are your personal qualifications for the SCOPE program? Why do you want to do a social justice or community service project, and what makes you a strong candidate? (1-2 pages).
2. Describe the project you would like to implement. Include a detailed description of the proposed project and demonstrate an understanding of the social and community issue(s) your project would address. If applicable, identify community partners involved in your project and summarize their role and responsibilities (2-3 pages).

Include your name and project title at the top of your Project Proposal essay. Please type your essay in 12 point font with double line spacing, and save as a PDF document.

Project Budget: Please include a brief (approximately 1 page) budget that makes clear how you plan to use the \$750 grant amount. Grants may be used for materials and supplies, space rental, travel, personal stipends, or other expenses directly related to project success. A personal stipend may be requested for up to 100% of the total budget amount. Please provide your budget in PDF or Microsoft Excel format.



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COVER SHEET

Personal Information

Full Name

Date

Major

Year in School

Address

Phone Number

Community Partner Information, if applicable:

Agency Name

Contact Person

Phone Number

E-Mail Address

Signature

References:

Please provide names, relationship, and contact information for two references that can speak to your qualifications for this project and grant.

Reference 1:

Name

E-Mail Address

Relationship to Applicant

Phone Number

Reference 2:

Name

E-Mail Address

Relationship to Applicant

Phone Number

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____