

Campus orgs can get more funding from SGA's Eagle Nest Fund

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Student organizations have another opportunity to get funding for projects, services and events through the Student Government Association's Eagle's Nest Fund. The fund, which totals \$60,000 for the school year, aims to serve registered student organizations by giving them added funding.

In order to qualify, organizations must first be registered with Student Activities. The organization must present an outline of budgetary priorities and requests to the Eagle's Nest Committee for approval. An officer and the director of the organization must attend the presentation.

All funding requests must be filed through the online form and turned in on the SGA Org-Sync webpage at least four weeks prior to their proposed programs, as well as before Eagle's Nest Committee meetings. The committee stipulates that organizations must not charge students at the events for which they are requesting Eagle's Nest funding.

"The Eagle's Nest Committee is looking for diverse events, events that'll appeal to all aspects of the UNT community and not just certain communities we see all over campus," Director of Student Affairs Dawaelyne Jones said. "Anyone can apply for it if they can show that whoever they are trying to outreach needs it."

The most recent organization to receive money from Eagle's Nest was the Multicultural Greek Council. The MGC requested money for their organization Showcase event on Sept. 3. This semester they moved the event to the Gateway Center because of an increase in the number of attendees. They used the Eagle's Nest money to pay for the location and equipment for the event.

"The funds from Eagle's Nest helped us a lot because it is very hard to fundraise for the event during the semester due to the busy schedules from each organization," MGC president Cindhy Hernandez said. "We are very grateful for the opportunity that Eagle Nest gave us." The committee meets weekly and is composed of SGA members and four other student members from other organizations.

"[We want to know] exactly how they plan to grow from that event and use that event to help the organization grow and for more students to be aware of different stuff on campus," Jones said. Organization officers will be notified of the time for their presentation to the Eagle's Nest Committee by email. If granted funding, the Student Activities Center will be responsible for all processing. All organizations that present their programs to the committee will be notified within one or two days if they have received the money they requested.