Epsilon Sigma Phi
Pi Chapter

MEWS Fund

Minnesota Extension Workers Scholarship Fund
Established June 4, 1990 with the University of Minnesota Foundation
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Fund Request Changes to the University of Minnesota Foundation September, 2005
Modified 2013

Purpose: Income from this fund will be used by members of Epsilon Sigma Phi, Pi chapter for continuing education scholarships, voting delegates to the National meeting and professional development speaker for annual meeting.

What professional opportunities should MEWS support?
Current graduate education
Training provided by other organizations
Other professional conferences
National Extension annual meetings
Self-study courses from a variety of sources
Resource materials
Time spent with other organizations
Elderhostel

Who should receive support from MEWS? (Committee assumes that the MEWS Funds are supported through silent auction, retirement contributions and memorials.)

ESP scholarships will be available to ESP members of the Pi Chapter.

What should be the timeline for receiving MEWS support?
Scholarship applications will be accepted up to one month prior to event for which funding is sought.

How many times can someone request MEWS funds?
* The scholarship application identifies when and what amount of MEWS funds were received in the past by that member. Based on that information, the scholarship committee will make a decision based on the applicant pool.

* Preference will be given to members who are first time applicants and those members who have not received a scholarship more than three times in the last five years.
* The amount of money given out is based on spendable interest (according to U of MN Foundation guidelines) accrued in the previous fiscal year.

**What should the MEWS funds cover?**

*The MEWS funds are awarded for the opportunities outlined in questions 1 & 2 based on these priorities:
- Tuition, registration fees, resource materials
- Transportation
- Housing/lodging expenses

* MEWS funds should not provide funds for food

* MEWS funds can be designated for a professional development speaker at the Pi Chapter of ESP Annual Meeting.

* Funds for two voting delegates for the national meeting of ESP. This includes registration, lodging and travel. This sum is minus the national reimbursement.