

1 Undergraduate Student Government

The Undergraduate Student Government will take applications against the Opportunities Fund, which "provide[s] funding for startup costs of new organizations; unpredicted expenses that promote the student organization, or new initiatives of student organizations that were not previously budgeted for".¹

Unfortunately, an application for funding to cater the Project Night is likely to be denied, because USG "will not fund food giveaways to members or non-members".² Notwithstanding, the loose process to get funding for mid-semester unbudgeted expenses via this mechanism is as follows:²

- Pick up *Opportunity Request Form* from MUB 106
- Submit form and schedule meeting with *Ways and Means* committee
- Give 3-5 minute pitch in a USG meeting
 - USG and Ways and Means combined decision determines fund amount
- Standard reimbursement or advanced reimbursement

2 Wellness

The HOWL¹ organization under Wellness will fund "alcohol-alternative" events.³ Getting this funding is an open-ended process, and it will be best to schedule Project Nights concurrently with popular part times (i.e. Friday and Saturday nights). This will appeal maximally to HOWL's objectives for the funding. The process of getting this funding is simply to email wellness@mtu.edu. Below is an example message that could be sent to open this door.

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Alex Hirzel and I am writing in representation of the IEEE student chapter here on campus. We are a group of nerds and geeks, and we're trying to organize a recurring event in Spring 2014 that could be beneficial for both of our organizations. Toward the end of this message, I will propose a funding relationship that will align with our goals (build a strong member base, increase involvement in our group) and yours as well (promote a recurring, well-advertised, destructive-decision-displacing event that is free and open to all students). I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this after I dive in and explain.

Firstly, the IEEE is *the* international career organization for electrical and computer engineers; hundreds of thousands of members strong, the IEEE is a prime mover in the field. The IEEE lab on campus and the IEEE Student group are linked to this national organization.

¹Healthy Options for a Wellness Lifestyle

The IEEE Student group is principally concerned with ...

Many of us students are busy with classes and homework, but we also have personal projects. Example of some of these projects are given later (there are a *lot* of projects and ideas floating around!) A consensus of members was recently formed and we decided we would like to explore an event where, weekly, we could gather and work on our projects as a group. There are many up-sides to this for us, including:

- Collaboration opportunities. There are a lot of members with niche knowledge—our one or two microcontroller experts and our resident high voltage afficianados as examples—and it really benefits the "younger" members to have them around.
- Prioritization of extracurricular work. Engineering majors with project experience are much stronger applicants to jobs than those who just have strong academic credentials. Michigan Tech as a whole would benefit from more students participating in extracurricular engineering projects.

It is our vision that we can "scratch two itches" with this event. By scheduling it on nights where alcohol consumption is usually high (e.g. Friday or Saturday night), we can hope to snag a few people who would otherwise be under the influence. To me, this is a socially-optimal outcome and an excellent use of the funds you make available for this exact purpose.

The form of support we believe will serve us best is catering and advertising support for our event. To be explicit, we envision your organization donating pizza (less than \$50 per event) and helping us to promote.

I have attached a paper detailing our desired schedule for the events as well as more information on what will actually take place during them. Peruse it at your convenience, or feel free to contact us with questions.

If you would like to meet to discuss this, please let me know your preferred avenue (be it email, your regularly-scheduled meeting, our regularly-scheduled meeting, carrier pigeon, etc.) and I will ensure we're able to talk. I very much look forward to your reply. Happy holidays!

Alex

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