

Stardust Culminating Experience Scholarship

Instructions and deadlines

- Applications for Spring 2019 scholarship funding are due Friday, November 9, 2018, 5:00 pm.
- Applications for Fall 2019 scholarship funding are due Monday April 15, 2019, 5:00 pm.

Complete all sections of this application and email to: sustainabilityscholarships@asu.edu. Please submit the application from your ASU email address.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Submit any questions to: sustainabilityscholarships@asu.edu

Purpose

The Stardust Center for Affordable Homes and the Family is offering a limited number of scholarships for \$1,500 to support Master of Sustainability Solutions (MSUS) students who have proposed culminating experience projects designed to address and advance the need for quality, affordable housing as well as healthy communities. Stardust recognizes the vital connection between healthy communities and access to stable, decent, and affordable housing.

Culminating experience projects may use the tools of research, community engagement, education, and public forums to raise awareness and build capacity to address the needs for quality, affordable homes and healthy communities that support well-being for individuals and families.

Scholarship funds will be posted to the selected candidate's ASU account, for tuition and educational expenses.

Eligibility

Applicants must be a current, full-time student admitted to the Master's in Sustainability Solutions (MSUS) program who are in good standing, and who have a culminating experience proposal in progress as part of their current workflow for SOS 582 Project Management, or have a complete and approved proposal on file with the MSUS Supervisory Committee. The applicant's culminating experience project should address the need for quality, affordable homes and/or healthy communities.

Application Process

1. Complete and sign the application form. Attach a copy of the budget, to show the amount the student is investing in their project.
2. Obtain a faculty recommendation.
3. Complete applications must be submitted by the date specified above. Completed applications include: Application Form, Faculty Recommendation, copy of the budget.
4. Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee and decisions will be e-mailed to applicants within a few weeks.

Selection Process

While all applications are evaluated on their merits, the priorities are as follows:

1. Strong Connection to Culminating Experience & ASU Stardust Center Mission – Students should demonstrate how support of this project is connected to completion of the applicant’s culminating experience for the MSUS degree and also how the project contributes to the mission of the Stardust Center for Affordable Homes & the Family, which is guided by the following principles:
 - Well-designed affordable housing is fundamental to the sustainability of every city and community. Affordability covers a range of household incomes, demographics, and cultural conditions that are underserved in a growing number of cities and communities in Arizona.
 - Well-designed affordable housing should ideally be environmentally sustainable; responsive to cultural, social, and household needs; enhances and becomes an asset to the greater community; and is valued by residents; the Stardust Center supports student-led activities that strengthen the ability of families to obtain, remain in and manage their homes.
 - Working with the community and getting their participation in design and planning decisions is key to successful development; the Stardust Center provides opportunities for students to engage directly with the community.
 - Value-added knowledge and evidence-informed practice and teaching are instrumental in affecting changes in policy and practice as well as creating the future workforce necessary to develop sustainable communities.
 - Expanding public awareness of the challenges and opportunities of affordable housing is essential to strengthening the community’s commitment to affordable housing.
2. Degree of Involvement/Impact – Requests will be reviewed for the level of impact the student’s culminating experience will have.
3. Other Funding – Students are encouraged to consider other means of funding their costs. These include funding from faculty grants, fellowships offered by conferences or workshops, funding available through ASU’s Graduate College or Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA), or the School of Sustainability Culminating Experience grant. Applications that show evidence of initiative to secure these funds will be given preference.
4. Professionalism of Application – Thoroughly fill out all required paperwork and make the case for the relevance of scholarship for carrying out the culminating experience project.

Additional Expectations

If selected for this scholarship, we will provide a copy of the Terms of Agreement outlining additional expectations.

Additional expectations may include, but are not limited to: a mid-term and final check-in with scholarship administrators, a brief video interview which may be featured on an ASU-hosted website, attending scholarships and awards banquet in spring semester, providing biography information for website or promotional materials, providing a final written report to be featured on SustainabilityConnect (<https://sustainabilityconnect.asu.edu/>).

Application Form: Stardust Culminating Experience Scholarship

Name	ASU Identification Number
ASU Email	Daytime Phone
GPA (3.0 minimum)	Anticipated Graduation Date
Name & Title of Faculty/Staff Reference	
<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>Provide a brief, one or two sentence overview of how your culminating experience project supports the mission of the Stardust Center for Affordable Homes and the Family.</p>	
<p><u>Timeframe</u></p> <p>List anticipated project start and end dates (MM/DD/YYYY – MM/DD/YYYY format). In most cases, projects are carried out during the semester following application submission.</p>	
<p><u>Proposal Narrative</u></p> <p>Please provide a 1-2 page executive summary based on your culminating experience project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline the project objectives and the proposed methodology to be used. Identify the primary sustainability issue as it relates to housing affordability, social welfare, and building healthy communities that your project/research is addressing. • Explain how your proposed activities will help you address this issue. Set your work in the context of others (e.g. the literature) and/or contemporary conditions, challenges, events, or policies. • Identify any contacts that you have made in the field area that will help you achieve your objectives. You can attach this in a separate Word document. 	

Other Sources of Funding

List any other applications for funding either pending or funded that will support this project, including the organization, the name of the fellowship/grant program, amount requested, and expected date of notification.

Budget

Please summarize any costs associated with this project and include a copy of the budget submitted as part of the culminating experience proposal. Scholarship funds will not go directly to support project expenses (scholarships apply to tuition and educational expenses), but a budget is requested to help the committee understand the scope and organization of the project.

Budget Narrative:



Faculty Recommendation: Stardust Culminating Experience Scholarship

Recommendation

A recommendation from ASU faculty or staff is required. Please have them complete the following section or send an email with their recommendation to sustainabilityscholarships@asu.edu.

How do you know this student?

Do you recommend we support this student's request? If so, why?

Recommender's Signature _____ Date _____

Email from the faculty member is acceptable in place of physical signature on the form.

Recommender's Name and Title