

The Eagle Endowment for Public and Community Service is a unique, student-led effort providing grants to students. The very first initiative of its kind, the Endowment awards grants up to \$1,000 three times a year to all students in AU undergraduate, graduate, and Washington College of Law programs demonstrating a need for the initial resources to propel an original idea that focuses on providing high quality community service in the DC area into action. All student groups are also eligible to apply for the grants. The Eagle Endowment Council works with grant recipients to turn their action into service by providing education and alumni/professional networks to help maintain success in their venture.

The Eagle Endowment Council serves a key role in supporting grant recipients from project conception to final review. During the monthly meetings, the Council makes decisions about which applicants are awarded grants and how much grant funding will be awarded to recipients. The Council is comprised of 5-10 current students and 1-2 AU alumni. Current students with Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Graduate, and Washington College of Law School status are welcome and encouraged to apply for a position. This position requires students to volunteer 10-15 hours per week during grant review cycle three times per academic year. Applicants should consider the following responsibilities and benefits of serving as a member of the Eagle Endowment Council.

Responsibilities of being an Eagle Endowment Council Member:

- 1. Reviewing grant applications
- 2. Selecting promising recipients
- 3. Conducting applicant interviews
- 4. Attending final grant review committee meetings with the Coordinator and CCESS staff members

Benefits of being an Eagle Endowment Council Member:

- 1. Enhancing marketing and public relations skills
 - Create and implement a marketing plan to raise campus awareness of the Eagle Endowment
 - Pitch Eagle Endowment stories to stakeholders and/or to AU Media
 - Design and share grant announcement with stakeholders and/or to AU Media
- 2. Gaining fundraising skills
 - Collaborate on alumni solicitation with the Office of Development)
 - Plan additional fundraisers using creativity for targeted audiences (For example: restaurant fundraiser, senior class gifts, Dogs on the Quad)
- 3. Diversifying your resume and career options
 - Display the versatility in your skills and experience by highlighting grant review skills
 - Standout from other AU students early in you academic career by volunteering for leadership
- 4. Expanding your network for professional and career development
- 5. Developing your mentoring skills

All AU students interested in serving on the Council are encouraged to apply. Please attach a cover letter and updated resume with contact information as one document for your application. Be sure to use your cover letter to 1. highlight your strengths and interests in relation to the Council and 2. explain your reason for applying to the Council. Please submit applications by 5:00 pm Monday, September 26th via email to eagleendowment@american.edu. If you have any questions, contact Shelby N. Patterson, Coordinator of the Eagle Endowment, at eagleendowment@american.edu.

Application materials for Eagle Endowment Council (submitted as one document):

- 1. Cover Letter
 - Strengths and interests in relation to the Council
 - Reason or applying to Council

2. Resume

- Name
- AU Email address
- Phone number