



Wendt Character Initiative Grant Request Instructions

Grant Qualifications

The Wendt Character Initiative funds a limited number of projects or events proposed by faculty and staff each year. The purpose of this funding is to enable faculty and staff to actively engage students in activities which challenge or encourage students in the area of character and ethics and help them **name** the Initiative's character values.

Centered in the University's Mission and Values and consonant with its Reformed Christian identity, the Initiative engages the university community in a cooperative and spirited effort to foster intellectual understanding of and personal commitment to leading lives of purpose and excellent moral character.

In sum, we want to be the excellent people God made us to be:

- We seek to be people of *integrity*, whose lives are characterized by truthfulness, honesty and stewardship;
- We seek to be people of *justice*, who treat all people fairly, respect diversity, and practice Christian love;
- We seek to be people of *compassion* who live by the Golden Rule in service of others.

To receive funding through the Wendt Character Initiative the proposed project or event must clearly relate to the Wendt Center's mission of promoting reflection on, and the development of, ethical character in individuals and within the University of Dubuque's culture.

Grant Request Evaluation Process

Each Wendt Faculty Grant Request will be evaluated based on the following:

- a. Application engages the ethos of the Wendt Character Initiative and is consistent with the Wendt Mission.
- b. Application discusses how the project or event will impact and/or engage students.
- c. Application identifies an outcome explicitly tied to character knowledge and/or formation.
- d. Activities include an explicit reflection and/or discussion of how character is shaped by this experience or character knowledge is expanded.

Grant Funding Guidelines

Funding decisions for projects and events are made by the Wendt Advisory Board and will be tiered in this manner:

- a. Invited speaker (local) Maximum \$100
- b. Faculty/Staff individual project Maximum \$500
- c. Project that actively engages students . . . Maximum \$1,000

Instructions

1. Please **submit the grant request form via email** to Wendt@dbq.edu.
2. Funding applications should be received in the Wendt Center and approved **30 days prior** to the event for which funding is sought.
3. **Title** your request with appropriate connections to the Wendt Character Initiative.
4. **Itemize** the specific expenses for which funding is sought. Funds will be released after completion of the project and upon submission of receipts as per University policy.
5. **Include the following language** for public announcements of grants or event introductions:

This project is supported by the Wendt Character Initiative, which is devoted to promoting a campus culture of excellent moral character and purposeful lives characterized by integrity, justice, and compassion.

6. Within 30 days of the completion of the project or event, a **follow-up report assessing the effectiveness of the venture should be submitted electronically** to the Wendt Center. This report includes:
 - a. input from students as appropriate,
 - b. at least one digital photograph suitable for inclusion in a report, and
 - c. a one (or more) page write-up assessing intended outcomes, particularly in regard to students' character development and/or understanding of character. Please include an approximation of how many were involved or impacted.
7. Be prepared to have students (or yourself) **present on your project** at the spring celebration of Wendt Grants.

Questions?

Please email wendt@dbq.edu or contact Mary Bryant or Dr. Annalee Ward at 589-3440.
