



1874 Giving Circle Grant Program Overview and Timeline

During Convention 2010, the Sigma Kappa Foundation announced that a grant program would be funded by the 1874 Giving Circle. Collegiate chapters that attain 35% membership in the 1874 Giving Circle are eligible to apply for grants to implement service programs or projects in their communities. Once grant applications are reviewed by the Foundation, collegians with membership in the 1874 Giving Circle vote on the grant finalists and help to decide how the Foundation puts its charitable funds to use.

Eligible Chapters:

- Chapters with 35% membership in the 1874 Giving Circle during the calendar year are eligible to apply for an 1874 Giving Circle grant

Eligible Projects:

- Grants must be used for a philanthropic, service or educational program. Preference will be given to programs that put the mission of the Sigma Kappa Foundation to work in the local community
- Funded programs must be completed during August 1 – December 1 of the grant year

Application Process:

- January 15: Grant Applications are made available at www.sigmakappafoundation.org
- March 1: Completed Grant Applications are due to Sigma Kappa Foundation
- April 1: Finalists for the grants are announced
- April 1-30: 1874 Giving Circle members vote for the finalist programs
- May 15: Winning programs announced
- December 15: Final Grant Report due

Please note: It is not mandatory for collegians to become 1874 Giving Circle members or for chapters to achieve the 35% membership threshold. Chapters with a higher percentage of members in the 1874 Giving Circle do earn more points for Standards of Excellence. More memberships in the 1874 Giving Circle lead to more grants, since donations for 1874 Giving Circle memberships fund the grants.

The 1874 Giving Circle is a great way for collegians to support the mission of the Foundation. We hope that you will take the time to promote this important philanthropic opportunity to your sisters!

For more information, please email grants@sigmakappa.org. Thank you for your support!

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