Engineering Undergraduate Grant for Dire Needs Overseas
A Preliminary Announcement

Two donors have contributed personal funds to establish an expendable grant that will benefit worthy and capable engineering students enrolled at Michigan State University who wish to enhance the lives of individuals living beyond the nation’s borders in a state of abject poverty.

The purpose of this fund is to provide an annual monetary grant to a student or an individual student representing a group of students enrolled in the College of Engineering at Michigan State University for the most outstanding proposed project that will serve to eradicate dire human needs in locations beyond the United States. It is the expectation of the donors that this competition will encourage students to contemplate how they might improve the dire conditions of less fortunate people in other countries. This grant will be used to help alleviate dire human needs.

The annual program shall be administered by the College of Engineering in accordance with normal MSU procedures and the following requirements peculiar to the Engineering Undergraduate Grant for Dire Needs Overseas.

(a) The grant shall be awarded annually to a student or an individual student representing a group of students enrolled in the College of Engineering for the most outstanding grant proposal that serves to alleviate dire human conditions in other nations.

(b) A recipient shall be selected from a pool of applicants based on a two to four page proposal and cost estimate (budget) written in a style similar to a grant proposal to a funding agency.

(c) Student proposals can identify and address, but they are not limited to, access to the following dire needs: clean water, food, shelter, energy poverty, polluted air, medical care and other commensurate needs in emerging countries beyond the borders of the United States. The funds can be used for technology transfer, equipment, materials, and other means deemed appropriate by the Selection Committee. More than one grant may be awarded in a given year depending on available funds.

(d) The recipient(s) shall be selected annually by a committee whose members will include and be appointed by the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies in the College of Engineering.

(e) The grant shall be awarded annually to a student or an individual student representing a group of students enrolled in the College of Engineering. Applications will be accepted in the fall and the selection of the grant recipient(s) will be made by the committee during the spring semester, with the award to be announced at the annual University Undergraduate Research
and Arts Forum (UURAF), or some other forum, or event, that the committee
deems appropriate.

(f) The grant recipient will have one year from the date of the award to expend
and submit an accounting of expenditures pertaining to the grant, to the
Associate Dean of the College of Engineering.

(g) For further information, contact Brian S. Thompson at (517)-355-2179, or
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