The UCA Foundation, WGC requests proposals from members of the faculty, staff, students and campus and community organizations for Foundation funding of projects which provide and encourage unique learning and leadership development opportunities that will enrich the lives of women within the framework of the mission and strategic plan of the University.

Fall proposals must be received by Friday, September 19, 2014
Application Information and Procedures

The request for proposals will be valid for the academic year 2014-2015. Applications for the Fall are due Friday, September 19, 2014. The form must be completed in full with six additional copies of the proposal including a letter of support from the dean or department director or organizational head from community organization. Any additional information may be attached to the application.

Send Approved Proposals To:

Ms. Shelley Mehl
Chairman, UCA Foundation Grants Committee
Buffalo Alumni Hall
UCA Box 4986
Conway, AR 72035-4986
Vision:

The Women's Giving Circle (WGC) was established to provide and encourage unique learning and leadership development opportunities that will enrich the lives of women and girls.

Mission:

Through the financial support of its members, the WGC strives to make a difference for UCA, its programs, its faculty, staff, students and organizations by providing an innovative source of funding.

Objectives:

Create a pool of grant funds from women to women, focusing on projects and programs benefiting women and girls.

Enrich the lives of women and girls.

Allocate funds and award grants based on a majority preference expressed by vote of WGC members.

Bring about change.

Publicly recognize the impact of funded programs and projects.

Encourage women as leaders in philanthropy.

Connect women alumnae and friends of UCA directly with projects and programs of the university.

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Grant Priorities

Frequently, good ideas require funding not easily available from annual budget sources. The UCA Foundation, WGC has allocated funds from individual membership gifts to invest in creative projects that fit within the framework of the strategic goals and mission of the University in meeting educational needs, as well as the mission of the WGC.

These grants are intended to encourage creative programs that support unique learning and leadership development opportunities that will enrich the lives of women and girls.

- Proposals must be specific to the needs and programs dedicated to women and girls.
- Grants will be funded in amounts ranging from $500 to $1,000 and may be partially funded based on committee recommendations.
- Grants are funded on a one-time basis and distributed in the fall and the spring.

Grants Committee

A committee has been formed for the general purpose of reviewing applications for these special grants. The committee, consisting of current paid members of the women's giving circle, will:

1. Review requests for proposals;
2. Determine whether the program fits the WGC mission and Foundation purposes;
3. Consider the program’s merits;
4. Review the dean’s, chairperson’s and organization head's recommendations;
5. Make the award(s) based upon a majority vote of WGC members.

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Application for UCA Foundation WGC Grant

Applicant ____________________________________________

Department/Campus/Community Address ____________________________

Email Address ____________________________________________

Phone ____________________________________________

Title of Proposal

Amount of Funding Requested ______________________________________

Complete all information requested.

Timetable (Expenditures for grants funded must be made within 18 months.)

Budget (Expenses should be listed individually in detail. These may be listed on a sheet attached to this application. Please indicate if you are seeking funding from other sources.)

This proposal meets the mission and objectives of the WGC. (Letter may be attached)

Signature, Department Chairperson

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This proposal is consistent with the mission for the college. (Required letter attached)

Signature, College Dean or Department Director

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This proposal meets the mission and objectives of the WGC. (Letter may be attached)

Signature, Organization Head

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Please complete the next three sections in no more than 3 pages.

Need (Justification of Activity: What is the need or the problem addressed by this proposed grant? How does the need or problem identified relate to your department's, college's or organizational goals?)

Purpose and Objectives (What specifically do you hope to accomplish? How does this proposed grant meet the mission and objectives of the WGC as listed on page 2 of this grant application document?)

Program Description (Summarize the activities that will be undertaken to meet the objectives. List three objectives you hope to accomplish and how you will measure the results.)

Provide a brief, one paragraph summary to be used for proposal review and for publicity purposes if grant is funded.

If funded, would you be willing to present a synopsis of your grant and its results at public WGC events? _____ Yes _____ No

Provide a brief, one page final report on the success of the grant at the conclusion of the grant period.

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