MSCF-EGF Policy 1001

Skills for Teaching/Technical Updating Fund (S.T.T.U.F.) policy

Use of College Level Funds for Professional Development allocated for faculty development as per the current Master Agreement between MnSCU Board of Trustees and MSCF shall be consistent with and in accordance with the language of the current agreement.

The money from this fund is to be used for the improvement of instructional and educational activities through professional development of the faculty. This may be for expenses incurred while attending college courses, state or national professional conference, trade seminars or workshops, educational industry conferences, working in industry to learn new technology (without pay), and books required for approved professional development activities. (Books purchased with STTUF funds become the property of the college).

MAXIMUM GRANT PER INITIAL REQUEST:
Requests for grant funds will be available and awarded as per the established procedure.

Who may apply for the funds?
All faculty member of NCTC-EGF are eligible for STTUF Funds. The Chapter looks to distributing the funds as fairly and equally as possible.

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4/29/2016 Clarified wording and procedure, added distinctions for maximum amount for fair share employees after initial request, added process for submission of requests after the activity has occurred, and adopted wording for requests to be submitted electronically.

3/17/2023 Removed language regarding fair share members.
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When must the activity take place?
The activity must take place during the fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) for which the funds are budgeted. Any activity that takes place after June 30 will count against the following fiscal year funds.

When to apply for funds?
Please apply as soon as possible. The STTUF Coordinator and Chapter President are committed to acting on the applications as soon as possible after receiving it. Applicants will be notified as soon as possible of approval or denial. Applications for funding should be made prior to the date the professional development activity is to take place. Applications submitted after the activity has occurred will still be accepted.

The STTUF fund request form are to be completed and submitted electronically to the STTUF funds Coordinator.

Please use the cost center code you wish the funds to be deposited in when applying for STTUF funds. When the request paperwork is complete and submitted to the STTUF Coordinator funds will be deposited into that cost center. The faculty will be responsible for completing the paperwork and processes required by NCTC for distribution of the funds from that cost center to themselves.

Procedure to Apply for STTUF Funds:
It is important for us to know who intends to use STTUF funds throughout the year so we can anticipate the total dollars needed. If you anticipate travel or STTUF reimbursed expense that will occur more than 60 days from now, fill out a STTUF funds request estimating the cost and submit it to the STTUF funds coordinator. If the travel or expense will occur within the next 60 days follow the procedure listed below.

1. Fill out a “Travel Request – In State” or “Travel Request – Out of State” and obtain approval(s) as needed, if applicable.
2. Fill out a STTUF Funds Application form.
3. Obtain proper signatures/approvals from your Dean and/or College President for absence and for any amount not covered by STTUF funding.
4. Submit STTUF forms and supporting documentation if needed to the STTUF Coordinator for approval. PLEASE NOTE: Funding is handled through the reimbursement process. Costs are not paid “up-front.” If approved, the form will be sent to the MSCF President for signature.
5. Next the STTUF Coordinator will notify the requestor of approval or denial of request.
6. After the activity is complete, fill out the STTUF Funds Activity Report and return it to the STTUF Coordinator.
7. Once all required paperwork has been completed and filed with the STTUF Coordinator, your cost center will be reimbursed for the approved amount.
8. Share your new knowledge/skills/attitudes with your colleagues at the earliest opportunity.
**Initial Funds Distribution:**
All full-time faculty are eligible for a maximum initial approval of up to $250 in STTUF funds.

All part-time and adjunct faculty are eligible for a maximum initial approval of STTUF funds of a pro-ratio of $250 commensurate with their teaching load (e.g., a part-time instructor teaching 50% of a full-time load is eligible for a maximum initial approval of $125).

**Excess Funds Distribution:**
Any non-allocated funds will become available to all faculty after end of business on the Friday following spring break. Any earlier requests for more than the amount of the maximum initial approval will be re-evaluated, for potential disbursement of additional funds.

The final day to submit STTUF Funds requested will be the end of business on the Friday after spring break. **NOTE:** Professional development activities occurring after this day that are completed by June 30 of that year can still be awarded funding but these requests must be received by end of business on the Friday following spring break.

As soon as practical after the end of business on the Friday following spring break an Ad-Hoc Committee appointed by the Chapter President will meet to determine distribution of the un-allocated funds. The goal shall be to distribute all funds allotted for the fiscal year but knowing that 1/3 of the allocated funds for the year can be carried over to the next year.

Distribution of unallocated funds to fill request for funds in excess of the maximum initial approval will take into consideration the distribution of excess funds in previous years with the goal of keeping the distribution of funds as fair and equal as possible. There is no individual limit to the additional funds awarded, at the decision of the Ad Hoc Committee that will review and distribute any excess funds in April of each year.

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