



ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

STUDENT CHAPTERS

Animal Legal Defense Fund Student Chapter Project Grant Guidelines

The Animal Legal Defense Fund applauds student chapters' efforts to protect the lives and advance the interests of animals through the legal system. To assist your chapter, we are proud to offer project grants. The rules and guidelines for applying for a grant are listed below. If you have any questions about the grant process, please contact Law School Programs Attorney [Alyssa Crowell](#).

Purpose of Grants

Project grants are designed to assist recognized student chapters in fulfilling their mission: "to provide a forum for education, advocacy, and scholarship aimed at protecting the lives and advancing the interests of animals through the legal system, and raising the profile of the field of animal law."

Grant Guidelines

1. Project grants are available only to recognized student chapters.¹
2. Grants will be awarded for projects that support the Animal Legal Defense Fund's mission. Preferential treatment will be given to projects that incorporate Animal Legal Defense Fund staff, initiatives, or campaigns, including this year's [Student Chapter Program Guide](#).
3. All food paid for by the Animal Legal Defense Fund must be 100% plant-based (vegan), as we don't eat our clients!²
4. Grants are not available for tuition reimbursement or hands-on rescue work (as student chapters and the Animal Legal Defense Fund itself is not set up to take on this type of work). Grants for speaker honoraria are assessed on a case-by-case basis.
5. Applicants must use the [application form](#) provided by the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

¹ A recognized chapter meets the [Student Chapter Requirements](#).

² This guideline does not preclude student chapters from being involved in events that don't serve vegan food (which is not paid for by Animal Legal Defense Fund).

6. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. They will generally be considered within two weeks from the date the Animal Legal Defense Fund receives a completed application; please plan accordingly. Applications should be submitted prior to the event or project for which you are requesting funding (but we will also accept applications after the event or project).
7. Projects must be approved by a majority vote of the chapter.
8. Only officers of student chapters should apply for grants. If awarded, grant checks will be made payable to the chapter name, president, or treasurer only.
9. If awarded, grants will be distributed after receiving an itemized budget and copies of relevant receipts. Recipients may also be required to write a short summary report on the outcome of the project.
10. If awarded, the student chapter receiving the grant must mention the Animal Legal Defense Fund on all promotional materials. For example, "lunch was generously provided by the Animal Legal Defense Fund."
11. Grants are rarely awarded for fundraisers. (Instead of holding a fundraiser, apply for a grant to support the project you will fund with the money you raise.) However, grants for fundraisers will be considered when they benefit your chapter, the Animal Legal Defense Fund, or local animal protection organizations working to help animals affected by recent natural disasters.
12. Travel expenses for Animal Legal Defense Fund staff are given priority, and will be paid for by the Animal Legal Defense Fund (your chapter does not have to apply for a grant to cover these). We generally do not fund travel expenses for guest speakers who are employed by other organizations.
13. Grants are rarely awarded for travel to animal conferences and events that are not legal in nature. Grant funding is limited to \$500 a person for events not presented by the Animal Legal Defense Fund.
14. For grants over \$500, your chapter must display sponsorship signage acknowledging the Animal Legal Defense Fund at the event and write a spotlight on the event (this can also serve as your summary report). Here are some examples: [Pace Student Chapter Works with Local Animal Rescue to Get Animals Adopted!](#), [Golden Gate University's California Animal Law Symposium](#) and [Florida State University Student Chapters Celebrates National Justice for Animals Week](#).
15. If the event features an Animal Legal Defense Fund speaker and is open to the public, it must be added to the Animal Legal Defense Fund [Events page](#) at least 1-2 weeks before the event, so we can advertise it to our members.

16. If a grant is awarded for events during one of our weeks of action, please promote the event as part of "[National Justice for Animals Week](#)" or "[Speak Out for Farmed Animals Month](#)."