



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 host events and lead projects designed to educate, inform, and bring opportunities to others learning about animal law. To assist your chapter, project grants are available. The rules and guidelines to apply for a grant are below. Please read carefully and if there's any questions, reach out to Priscilla Rader Culp (prader@aldf.org).

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 to raise the profile of the field of animal law within their community."

Grant Guidelines

1. Project grants are available only to recognized student chapters.
2. Grants are awarded for projects that support the ALDF's mission. Preferential treatment is given to projects that incorporate ALDF staff, initiatives, or campaigns but such incorporation is not necessary.
3. All products purchased through a project grant must be vegan and/or plant-based.
 - a. Please make efforts to find best deals on group food orders to reduce overall costs. We appreciate that food costs have risen and thus grant amounts will reflect this.
4. Grants are not available for tuition reimbursement or hands-on rescue work.
5. Speaker honoraria requests are assessed on a case-by-case basis.
6. Grants for field trips to sanctuaries are encouraged, but please do due diligence in ensuring that it is a reputable animal-forward sanctuary. If you are unsure, please reach out to Priscilla and we can assist.

7. Fundraising grant requests are assessed on a case-by-case basis. Direct fundraising is almost always denied. However, grants for events and projects that educate and inform your community while also fundraising for a local animal protection organization are encouraged. For example, a cutest companion contest with proceeds benefiting a local rescue.

Grant Application Process

1. Applicants must use the application form provided by the ALDF to request a grant.
2. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and are generally considered within two weeks from receiving a completed form.
3. It is **strongly recommended** to submit an application prior to the event or project for which you are requesting funding. This ensures transparency in knowing how much funding is available for planning without resulting in out-of-pocket costs.
 - a. Applications for post-events and projects are accepted, but there is no guarantee that a grant will be fully funded. Please keep in mind for budgeting.
4. Only chapter officers should apply for grants. If a member has an event or project idea, please work with the officers. Checks are made payable only to the chapter name, school, or listed officer.
5. Projects must be approved by a majority vote of the chapter or board (please see chapter bylaws for guidance).
6. Grants are through a reimbursement system. If awarded, grants are distributed *after* receiving a filled out invoice (which will be given to you upon grant approval), along with all relevant receipts. Recipients are also asked to provide a summary report of the outcome of the event or project, along with any photos.
7. If awarded, the chapter must include the ALDF on all promotional materials. For example, “lunch was generously provided by the Animal Legal Defense Fund.”
8. For grants over \$500, the chapter might be asked to provide a more robust write-up of the event or project, including photos and interviews with attendees.
9. If the event features an ALDF speaker and is open to the public, it must be added to the ALDF Events page at least 1 week prior to the event so that it can be promoted.
10. For grants awarded as part of the ALDF’s Speak Out for Farmed Animals Month or National Justice for Animals Week, please promote the event as part of those actions.