

District Fraternal Grants Program

This program utilizes the same approval process as the Fraternal Grants program, but must fall under the district role as to provide activities that are **athletic or social** in nature.

Rules & Procedures

1. Districts must apply for grants in advance of an event. Deadline is at least 8 weeks prior to the event to request approval from the Fraternal Department in order to allow for processing of the grant. Requests made within the 8 weeks prior to an event may not be approved.
2. The approval form can be completed online or printed to complete by hand. Online completion is preferred, but a printed copy may be faxed or mailed to the Fraternal Department.
3. The activity must be approved by the Fraternal Department in order to receive the grant. Approval is dependent on the district being up-to-date with their required reports.
4. Upon approval of a District Fraternal Grant, the funds will be direct deposited into the district's account and the approval email will be sent to the district treasurer and president. The required Financial Reporting Form will be attached to the email.
5. 100% of grant funds must be utilized toward **direct activity expenses** and may not be directly donated to any person, group or organization.
6. Districts must complete and submit a Financial Reporting Form within one month after the activity. This report can be completed online or can be printed and emailed to events@gcuusa.com, mailed or faxed to the attention of the Fraternal Department.
7. A Lodge will not be approved for a District Grant.
8. Upon conclusion of the event, the district must "close out" the District Grant in order to be eligible for additional grants. This 'closing' requires the District to:
 - Submit a short article for GCU Magazine on the event
 - Submit at least two photos with the article on the event
 - Submit the aforementioned financial report

If a district does not submit the article and photos for the magazine, that entity will not be eligible for further grants.

9. If a district does not complete the required 'closing' process that district will be subject to receiving a reduction in their subsidy by the amount of the grant for that year.
10. A district can receive up to **four** District Grants per year for a maximum of \$2,000 in additional monies for the year. Each District Grant is worth \$500.
11. A District Grant will not be approved for a project also intended to receive Matching Funds, Special Event Subsidy, or the Jr. Bowling Tournament.