# Honors Council Grant Program

**Program Description:**

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Examples of Honors Council activities include service-learning, faculty-mentored cross-disciplinary undergraduate research, undergraduate research conference, peer mentoring, peer tutoring, service projects, campus ambassadors for high school senior day, honor society award ceremony, multiple honor society inductions, honors day recognition program, career day, jointly sponsored speakers, recognition of faculty, professor of the month recognition, involvement with alumni, and others of a similar nature. The Honors Council activities should contribute to engagement and leadership development and, ultimately, to great jobs and great lives (Gallup/Purdue University Index Report, 2014).  **Eligibility and Criteria:**

An Honors Council Grant Program Application must

* Include leadership by an ACHS member honor society chapter
* Include three or more additional ACHS honor societies on campus – other honor societies may be included if they are registered with the institution
* Address at least one co-curriculum high impact practice and one functional organizational activity
* Include a plan for expansion in its second year of operation
* Report on the plans and outcomes of the project conducted during the 2014-2015 academic year

Proposals must be received by October 15, 2014. Funds will be distributed to awardees on the following basis: $500 upon acceptance of the award and $500 upon receipt of the report at the end of the 2014-2015 academic year.

**How to Apply:**

The proposal should provide the following information:

1. Adviser name, honor society, address, telephone number, and email address of the lead ACHS member honor society chapter
2. Proposed participating honor societies
3. Proposed activities, time frame, and evaluation
4. How the project will benefit the campus and students
5. How the project will be publicized
6. How the activities will be expanded the second year of operation
7. Additional information that will support the proposal

Submit the proposal electronically by October 15, 2014 to Dorothy I. Mitstifer, [dmitstifer@achsnatl.org](mailto:dmitstifer@achsnatl.org)

Honors Council Grant Program Planning Process

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**Directions:** Facilitate the following activity to identify activities for an Honors Council. Provide copies of this worksheet for participants. The objectives of this planning activity are to

* Identify opportunities to create cross-campus collaborations and new initiatives among ACHS member honor societies and other honor societies registered by the institution.
* Design at least one co-curriculum high impact practice and one functional organizational activity.

## Activity: This activity is designed to include member and adviser participation in recommending components for the Honor Council Grant Program Application. Working in groups of 3-5 people, list 2-3 needs regarding collaboration of honor societies on your campus.

Prioritize needs – The top priority for a high-impact practice is:

The top priority for a functional organizational activity is:

Write objectives to achieve the top priority needs (use strong verb to convey outcome).

Share in Large Group, and choose at least two priorities for action.

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## Priorities:

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## Action Plan - Action Steps:

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| **What, How** | **Who** | **When** | **Budget** |
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**How will achievement of the plan be evaluated?**