

Westmont College Student Association

Funding Proposal Form

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| Group Name: Black Student Union | Proposal Date: March 5 th , 2018 |
| Contact Person: Brittany Bland-Boyd | Contact Email: bblandboyd@westmont.edu |
| Project Name: BSU Trip to NMAAHC | Project Date: March 29 th -April 2nd |
| Department Affiliation: ICP | Event open to the entire student body? No but a forum will occur after trip. |
| Has your group submitted a proposal in the past? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If so, when? Feb 2017 | |

Describe the nature of your project (Target population, number of students involved, length of project, etc).

Westmont's Black Student Union is grateful for this opportunity to share with the WCSA its proposal to contribute to our campus' ongoing conversation on what it means to be an evangelical, liberal arts college committed to diversity¹ by providing 8 students and 1 staff member with an opportunity to experience the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) over Easter Break.

Director of the NMAAHC, Dr. Lonnie G. Bunch, III describes the newest of the 19 Smithsonian museums as one that "tells the story of America through the lens of African American history and culture."³ We believe that experiencing the NMAAHC will provide students with the opportunity to expand and acquire knowledge of these American people, the majority of whom arrived on U.S. shores from another continent to enter a condition of servitude that would last for over 15 generations; and yet bore within them the resilience, optimism and spirituality that persists in their descendants to present day. The NMAAHC shines a light on these distinctly American values as reflected in these descendants and their forbearers. It tells the story of the stunning feat of labor that arguably fueled a national economy and the generational intelligence, creativity, talent and tenacity that are also essential elements of what we have come to associate with what it means to be American. We believe this experience will help us build on Westmont's legacy and grow in an identity as a campus that "empowers and encourages" students to "contribute their unique voices to the ongoing conversation"⁴ of what it means to be Westmont—an evangelical, liberal arts college committed to diversity.

¹ Westmont College Statement of Key Terms and Identity, Approved by Board of Trustees October 24, 2009

² Westmont College Black Student Union Mission

³ Lonnie G. Bunch, III, Ph.D. from AAMHC website, <https://nmaahc.si.edu>, February 6,

2018

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What do you hope to achieve with this project?

The Mission of Westmont's Black Student Union (BSU) is to "build community and create space for Black students to grow, learn, celebrate, and educate both each other and the community at large about black history and identity."²

We plan on sharing this experience with our greater Westmont community by hosting a forum that will be geared towards sharing with Faculty and Staff what we have learned.

This experience is designed to enrich the educational experience of students who have a demonstrated history of interest in African American history and culture as well as a demonstrated history of contributing to and supporting BSU activities and efforts. Students will also be asked to articulate the ways in which they believe this experience will aid them in continuing their support of those efforts, their continued exploration of their own racial and ethnic identity and their ability to encourage and empower others on campus to engage in that exploration as a contribution to Westmont's legacy.

How much money are you requesting from WCSA? (Please provide an itemized budget)

| Item | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Flights | \$1925 (3 students) |
| Airbus | \$0 (Received Donations) |
| DC Lodging | \$0 (Received Donations) |
| DC Transportation (Uber, Metro) | \$0 (Received Donations) |
| Food | \$0 (Received Donations) |
| Activity (Museum Fees, etc) | \$0 (Received Donations) |
| TOTAL | \$1925 |

Westmont College Mission Statement

Westmont College is an undergraduate, residential, Christian, liberal arts community serving God's kingdom by cultivating thoughtful scholars, grateful servants and faithful leaders for global engagement with the academy, church and world.

WCSA Mission Statement:

WCSA is the voice that represents the diverse views, beliefs, needs, and desires of our student body. We seek to unify faculty, staff, administration, and students by promoting communication and initiating change at Westmont College.

How does your project relate to the mission of the college and WCSA?

Payment Logistics:

Pay to: _____ Intercultural Programs _____ Account #: _____

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General Council Comments:

Action Taken: Pass / Fail

Contact Person Notified? _____

Amount Granted: \$ _____