Student Affairs
Pay it Forward Fund

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What is the SA Pay it Forward Fund?

- Began as an Emergency Fund Loan with a $75 limit in 2008
  - Underutilized
- Board member(s) have added to the account
- Account has grown substantially
- Expanding the program
The program is intended to assist students who are struggling financially, while engaging them in available resources to be successful financially, socially and academically.
Most of the fund will go towards those students in the low to middle income group to assist with higher education.

Removing barriers that limit the opportunity to achieve higher education therein creating equity for all students without regard to student’s race/ethnicity or sexual orientation.

Division goal: Providing Equity, Creating Justice
Participants may be asked to volunteer thru volunteer services in Campus Activities.

Division goal: Student engagement will be demonstrated by students participating in university sponsored volunteer opportunities while enrolled at Northwest Missouri State University.
What this proposal Is and Isn’t

- It is not intended as a handout.
- It is more than a monetary donation; it is developing citizenship.
- It is a learning opportunity that includes collaborating with other areas of campus. ex. SSS, Wellness, TDC, Financial Aid.
- Student success is not only focusing on academic success, but on relationships, perspectives and well-being that allows students to gain from their experience at Northwest. This is a form of intervention that will help students succeed not only now but in the future.
Student’s Responsibility

- Participate in volunteer service hours thru volunteer services
- Must meet with Financial Aid to gain guidelines of how to be monetarily responsible
- May be asked to meet with TDC if tutoring help is needed or mentor others if academically successful
Who can use the SA Pay it Forward Fund?

- It is available to students that have fallen on tough times, most students will fall in the low to middle income group.
- Individuals applying must be a Northwest student or someone seeking assistance to be allowed to (re)register for classes.
- Fund limit will be assessed with the help of Financial Aid Office and Pay it Forward Committee.
- Final decision by VP of Student Affairs.
Students may receive only one Pay it Forward allotment per semester.

Processing may require approximately 1-2 business days.

Northwest employees are not eligible for funds.

Upon approval, checks may be picked up from the Northwest Foundation Office during posted office hours (check processing may take an additional 1-2 days). A student ID card must be shown as identification when picking up the check.
How can the fund be used?

- For required medication
- Unexpected travel expenses
- For any higher educational expense
- Requests will be evaluated on a case by case basis
How can we all help?

- Share the resource with students.
- Consider donating to the fund.
  - No amount is too small
  - All donations can help make a difference.