William Andrew Smith, Jr.
GRants for Active Student Participants (GRasp)

PURPOSE:
The GRants for Active Student Participants (GRasp) (now William Andrew Smith, Jr. Grasp Award) endowment was created in 2006 through the generosity of the University Unions Advisory Council and renamed in honor of William Andrew Smith, Jr., first executive director of the University Unions in 2013. The purpose of the award is to encourage and facilitate the continued student participation in University Unions committees and organizations. An award will be given to students who have demonstrated leadership qualities, an enthusiasm for campus citizenship, involvement with Campus Events + Entertainment, and who, for various reasons, might be unable to participate without support. Preference will be given to freshmen and sophomore students.

ELIGIBILITY:
• Applicants must be currently enrolled at The University of Texas at Austin
• Applicants must be active in Union committees and/or organizations
• Applicants must maintain good academic standing
  Note: The E+E President is not eligible to apply.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:
Completion of application (by returning paper application to Megan McMillin in the Executive Director’s Office in the Texas Union) by the deadline, to include:
• Candidate information form
• Brief personal statement (no more than one page), including a description of your E+E committee involvement, how the stipend would facilitate continued participation in E+E, and expressing the need for supplemental aid.
• Please submit your completed application to the desk in the Executive Director’s Office at the Texas Union (UNB 4.124) by Friday, November 10, 2017 at 5:00pm.

SELECTION PROCESS:
A selection committee will review applications and select a recipient each fall and spring semester. Applications will be kept strictly confidential.

AWARD:
The recipient will receive a letter from the Executive Director of the University Unions announcing the selection. The recipient will receive $1250 at the start of the spring 2017 semester. Applicants who are not selected will be notified.

For more information about this award, contact Megan McMillin at 475-6600.
Frequently Asked Questions

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The University Unions
The University of Texas at Austin

1. Will this stipend affect my financial aid package?
   No, the stipend is awarded as a salary supplement, not as part of the financial aid package. It will not affect your financial aid package or status.

2. Who will serve on the selection committee:
   The selection committee is composed of the University Unions Director for Student Programs, Director for Alumni Relations and Development, Program Advisors, Director of Business Services, E+E President, and Chair of the University Unions Board of Directors.

3. Who will have access to my application?
   Only the members of the selection committee will have access to your application. All applications will be kept strictly confidential.

4. If I am selected, may I apply for the award in future semesters?
   Yes.
Application Form for the
William Andrew Smith, Jr. Grasp Award

Candidate Information Form

Date: ____________________

Name:______________________________

EID: ____________________ Classification:______________________________

E-mail address: ____________________

Local Mailing Address: ____________________
(Include city, state, and zip code)

Phone: ____________________

E+E Committee involvement (list semesters served): ____________________

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