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New S&A Funding Request received!

Requesting Organization

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Budget Request and History

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Please select which represents your request best?

FY25 Budget Request

Please provide a summary of your dept/prog/unit.

ASEWU serves as the dynamic and dedicated voice of the student body, representing and advocating for the diverse interests of our student population. Comprising elected and appointed members, ASEWU is committed to enhancing the overall university experience for all students.

Our mission focuses on fostering a vibrant, inclusive, and collaborative campus environment where student voices are not only heard, but are instrumental in shaping university life. Over the past academic year, some of ASEWU's accomplishments include having successfully implemented various programs and events aimed at improving student engagement on campus, increasing voter turnout by registering sixty six students to vote, and promoting wellbeing among the student community.

ASEWU is not just a governing body, but a hub for leadership development, where students are encouraged to take on roles that build critical skills in leadership, communication, and teamwork. Our structure allows for wide participation, with members holding roles in executive, legislative, and judicial branches. Just this year we added four new officer positions to our organization. Not to mention we run a variety of committees we operate that are open to all students attending EWU.

How does your dept/prog/unit plan to spend the awarded funds?

ASEWU is committed to the judicious and transparent use of funds to maximize the benefits for our student body. A significant portion of the budget will be allocated to organizing and hosting a variety of student events. These include items such as

leadership workshops, guest speaker series, and social gatherings, spirit events, all aimed at enhancing student life and fostering a sense of community within the university.

Another major usage of our funds is for supporting the numerous student clubs and organizations under the ASEWU umbrella. This includes providing them financial support for activities, events, and necessary equipment, thereby encouraging diverse interests and talents among the student population.

The largest portion of our budget goes to wages, ensuring that we have the necessary human resources to effectively run ASEWU. We hope to be able to expand our senate even further this year by hiring a greater number of student senators to make the ASEWU Senate more diverse and better representative of the student body. We also wish to be able to provide student's at large better incentives to join ASEWU various committee's, as even if we can not directly pay those students we can provide other forms of incentive for them to join such as gift cards.

Did your dept/prog/unit receive funds in FY24?

Yes

If you answered yes to the previous question, please submit the total amount received.

250,000

Salaries, Benefits, & Wages

Does your request include any staff salaries/benefits, and/or student wages?

Yes

How many UNDERGRADUATE student employees are being supported by S&A funding?

18

How many GRADUATE student employees are being supported by S&A funding?

1

How many CLASSIFIED staff are being supported by S&A funding?

0

How many ADMINISTRATIVE staff are being supported by S&A funding?

1

How many FACULTY staff are being supported by S&A funding?

0

Please confirm that you have budgeted for all salary increases, according to the Budget Assumptions outlined, and that number will be included in your direct expense figure when you build your budget

- Yes

Impact From Funding

How does your dept/prog/unit collaborate with other departments, programs, units?

ASEWU actively collaborates with various departments, programs, and units across the university to foster a cohesive and enriching environment for students. Our collaborative efforts are guided by the principles of mutual respect, shared goals, and a commitment to the overall well-being and success of the student body. So far this academic year we have worked with a variety of organizations across campus. For example we collaborated with the housing department and Residential Housing Association this fall where we distributed over 100 "Boo grams" to EWU dorm residents. We also worked with campus police to run vehicle safety checks before the start of winter break where we checked over 50 cars, putting air in tires, topping off fluids, chaining tires, etc for students that needed those services.

How does your dept/prog/unit collaborate with outside stakeholders?

ASEWU actively engages with a diverse range of external stakeholders. These collaborations are instrumental in extending our reach, enhancing our resources, and providing broader opportunities and experiences for our students. Every fall we partner with the Spokane country board of elections to register students to vote for national, state and local elections. Just this fall we registered 66 students to vote, 37 of which cast ballots at the student engagement hub we helped to run on election day. Last campaign cycle, we managed to get candidates such as Natasha Hill to physically come out to campus and meet students, something we hope to replicate in this upcoming campaign cycle. We also partnered with the Washington tenants union in November to host a tenant's right forum where a large audience of student's was taught about their rights as renters and the legal protections owed to them.

How does your dept/prog/unit contribute to the local/regional community?

ASEWU plays a significant role in contributing to the well-being and development of the local and regional community. Our commitment extends beyond the university campus, embracing a broader responsibility to serve, engage, and positively impact the society around us. By maintaining a healthy campus lifestyle, the local community around us indirectly benefits. When there is more student engagement on campus, engagement with the local community will follow suit. For example, more active clubs and organizations on campus might hold a food drive to benefit local food banks.

What impact(s) does this dept/prog/unit have on campus? Briefly describe the need for your dept/prog/unit. How does your dept/prog/unit support the mission and/or goals of EWU?

ASEWU has a profound and multifaceted impact on campus life. ASEWU plays a critical role in fostering a vibrant campus community. Through organizing events, supporting clubs, and facilitating social activities, we significantly enhance student engagement and create a sense of belonging. Serving as the voice of the student body, ASEWU is a vital bridge between university administration and students. Our efforts in campus governance ensure that student perspectives are considered in university decisions, leading to a more student-centered campus environment. By offering leadership roles and involvement opportunities, ASEWU is a key player in developing future leaders. Students involved in ASEWU gain valuable skills in leadership, communication, and problem-solving, preparing them for success beyond college. ASEWU contributes to EWU's mission in many ways. By advocating for high-quality education and academic support, ASEWU upholds EWU's commitment to educational excellence. Our initiatives to celebrate diversity and promote inclusivity resonate with EWU's goal of creating a welcoming and diverse learning environment. All of ASEWU's activities are aimed at enhancing the overall student experience, directly supporting EWU's objective of student success and wellbeing.

How does your dept/prog/unit assess the effectiveness of your programs/services and how is it tracked?

ASEWU assesses and tracks the effectiveness of its programs and services through various methods. We use student surveys and feedback forms to gather direct input on satisfaction and engagement. Participation metrics provide quantitative data on the popularity and reach of our initiatives, for example a survey conducted by the ASEWU superior court at the last clubs and organizations meeting which sought out opinions from club leaders on how ASEWU can better support them. Additionally, just direct student feedback to our contact line on the ASEWU web page and from meeting students one on one in person is taken into account. We also analyze social media and online engagement. We establish clear performance metrics for each officer, regularly reviewing these against set benchmarks. This process includes quarterly review for each officer by the ASEWU superior court, ensuring continuous alignment with student needs and contributing positively to the campus community. Through these methods, ASEWU ensures our initiatives effectively meet student needs and enhance the overall campus experience.

Financial Responsibility

What are the top funding priorities for your dept/prog/unit and is any of this funding for contracts? If so, how much?

The top funding priorities for ASEWU are strategically aligned with our mission to enhance student life and representation on campus. Right now one of our main priorities is to expand our senate to gain even more representation from different groups on campus. We would like to add a position for a senator from each of the four different colleges on campus. This would cost us an extra \$1600 per year for each new senate position, or \$4800 for all four of these positions. We would also like to maintain the current amount of \$40,000 allotted to direct club funding as over the past year. Another priority is that ASEWU be able to host even more fun and social events on campus as a means of increasing campus engagement and student involvement. This would also be a benefit as students would be able to see more directly the impact of ASEWU and have the chance to meet and connect with our officers. As 2024 will be a presidential election year, we would also prefer to have a larger budget towards our election budget that goes to items such as voter drives and the student engagement hub on election day. Currently this budget sits at \$1,750, which we would like to increase up to \$2,500.

How does your dept/prog/unit track and manage your budgets to ensure financial sustainability?

At the beginning of the year our senate votes on a budget that we will follow for the rest of the year, with money being split in separate executive, senate, elections, court, direct expenses budgets (In addition to the predetermined club funding budget). We utilize an excel spreadsheet to track our spending throughout the year ensuring we do not overrun any of these predetermined budgets throughout the year. We also are sure to leave around a \$5,000 "buffer" in case of the unlikely scenario any of these budgets are exceeded. With the program advisor, ASEWU's Finance Vice President, an executive position in the organization, performs a quarterly audit of all expenditures to be sure we stay within our budget and are carefully and thoughtfully managing our allocation of student fee money. We also receive monthly updates from Student Accounting to make sure our tracked spending lines up with our projections.

How will you ensure that student fees do not subsidize non-student use?

Ensuring that student fees are exclusively used for the benefit of students and not for non-student use is a crucial aspect of financial integrity for ASEWU. We strictly follow Services and Activities fee usage guidelines, and make these guidelines clear to clubs and organizations when they request funding from us.

Engagement

Please share the number of STUDENTS your dept/prog/unit serves annually.

10,716

Please share the number of FACULTY your dept/prog/unit serves annually.

400

Please share the number of STAFF your dept/prog/unit serves annually.

800


Please share the number of ALUMNI your dept/prog/unit serves annually.

100

Please share the number of OUTSIDE STAKEHOLDERS your dept/prog/unit serves annually.

100

Acknowledgment

 I confirm that the details included in this budget request are accurate to the best of my knowledge and are fully aware of S&A Fee regulations.