



STUDENT OPPORTUNITY GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

GRANT PURPOSE

Student Opportunity Grants (SOG's) provide eligible Eastman School of Music students with financial assistance in two categories: 1) Travel Grants which reimburse the student for expenses up to \$400 incurred traveling to and from an audition for young-artist-type programs, a master class, or a competition, but not a paying-job or interview for a paying job; and 2) Summer Grants, which reimburse the eligible student for expenses incurred to attend an established program related to the field of vocal music, e.g., a summer opera festival for which the student would not be remunerated or a course of foreign language study. **Student Opportunity Grants support only a portion of the program costs and is intended to supplement other funding sources.**

ELIGIBILITY

1. All Eastman School of Music full-time voice student, stage-directing students and opera-focused collaborative pianists who are currently enrolled in either undergraduate or graduate degree programs and who are studying with a faculty member of the Eastman School of Music Voice and Opera Department are eligible to apply for both categories of grants.

2. FEO will not provide grants to audition for another school, to offset a student's expenses at ESM, or to satisfy credit requirements at ESM, or to apply for a job.

3. All international travel funded through a FEO Summer Study Grant **MUST be approved in advance** by the University's Office of Global Engagement, as a risk assessment must be undertaken to ensure that the program and destination meet University safety guidelines. Failure to adhere to this requirement will mean that Eastman is unable to disperse the grant to a student regardless of prior approval by FEO. Once approved by FEO, it is the student's responsibility to contact Eastman's Office of Academic Affairs to make arrangements for a review of their international travel plans.

4. FEO grants are subject to University of Rochester policies regarding domestic or international travel, which the University may at any time suspend travel to a particular country or region. If a student has incurred actual out-of-pocket expenses before travel was suspended, FEO may in its sole discretion reimburse the student.

SCHOOL-YEAR TRAVEL GRANTS

a. Travel expenses of up to \$400 **paid as reimbursement** may be used to cover transportation to/from auditions, master classes, or competitions. Auditions to apply to another school or to apply for a job.

b. Travel Grant applications must be submitted **at least one week before the start of the program**. Exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

c. A student may receive no more than two Travel Grants during his/her current degree program.

d. A written report about their travel experience must be submitted within two weeks after the end of the program or they forfeit the grant. **Reimbursement will not be processed until the report is received.**

SUMMER STUDY GRANTS

a. To be eligible for Summer Study Grants, the applicant must be committed to returning to ESM for the next succeeding semester.

b. Students may use FEO funds to attend an established summer program of vocal performance, opera stage direction, or opera-related collaborative piano accompaniment without remuneration, or a non-credit course of foreign language study.

c. The funds may be used for tuition, travel, and/or accommodations at the requested program.

d. FEO Grants are intended to be only one funding source, not a full scholarship for attendance.

e. Summer Study grants are typically awarded in the \$500 - \$1,500 range.

f. **To be considered, applications must be received on or before the deadline, even if the applicants have not been accepted into the summer program.**

g. Applications to multiple programs must be submitted separately.

h. A summary of the applicant's summer program experience must be submitted within two weeks after the conclusion of the program, but no later than October 15 or they forfeit the grant. **Reimbursement will not be processed until the report is received.**

i. The deadline for Summer Study Grant applications is the first Friday after Spring Break. The actual date will be indicated in the Application Form.