Executive Summary of Your Proposal

Please provide a concise overview of the program, activity, or service for which you seek funding.

Alternative Spring Break is an annual program at UW Bothell where students spend the week doing volunteer projects. Last year, we had a very successful week with over 30 students involved in 3 different projects. This year we would like to expand the program internationally and send 9 students and a faculty member for liability and support to Honduras on 7 day medical mission trip and from SAF we are asking for the cost of the program fee and flight to be covered. (Please note we will still be doing local volunteer projects like we did last year) The trip will include a similar program (as below) and although it will have a medical focus, it will not be limited to students interested in medicine.

Sample Itinerary:
Saturday; March 17 - Group arrives to Tegucigalpa travel to the southern region of Choluteca Honduras.
Sunday; March 18 Medical day (new clinic in San Antonio) - work with doctors to provide the community with medicine and healthcare.
Monday; March 19 Medical Day (new clinic in San Antonio) visit schools to provide dental hygiene and fluoride treatment to students
Tuesday; March 20 Medical clinic in rural community of Guapinol in Choluteca.
Wednesday; March 21 Observation in San Lorenzo hospital and light construction/painting project.
Thursday; March 22 Beach Day
Friday; March 23 Return to Tegucigalpa touring of the capital city
Saturday; March 24 Go to Airport in Tegucigalpa and return to the US.

Need for this Program/Service

In 150 words or less, please describe the need for this program or service. Please include any data that might support your proposal (e.g., the number of students who have participated in your service or program in the past). If your program is currently funded by SAF, please indicate how you have used the money to help your organization meet its goal(s).

Although UWB is an amazing institution, there is only so much a classroom can teach us. This program will provide students with an opportunity to make a global impact, become better global citizens by understanding the impacts we can have outside of the classroom, and enriching our campus diversity. This program has a service focus, differentiating it from the existing study abroad programs. The Forum on Education Abroad conducted a survey in 2008 stating that all the schools are working towards increasing the abroad resources they offer. This will be a great stepping stone for our campus to provide an international Alternative Spring Break program, something which has not been done before. Given this opportunity, students will really gain a better understanding of our global community and the impacts we can all have, and be given experience that students cannot gain from a classroom alone.

How do you plan to assess the program or service?

How do you plan to track the effects of this program or service?

For example, how would track how the event/program/service went? How would you track how successful it was and what you could change in the future?

We will be working with students that have gone from other schools in the past to get their input on what went well and what could be improved. At the end of our trip, we will have students fill out an evaluation on the trip to see how we could improve it if we were to do it in the future.

Estimate number of students that will benefit from your proposed program/service
In 150 words or less, estimate how many currently enrolled students will likely benefit from your proposed service or program. Please estimate the number of other individuals (and indicate their affiliation) that might benefit from this service or program. Finally, please indicate other sources of financial support.

Because this is the first year we will be going abroad, we will accept 9 students who will be chosen based on their medical, cultural and educational interests as well as their commitment to volunteering. This opportunity will be open to all UW Bothell students. Upon returning, we will be presenting as a group at the BACCHUS Regional Conference about students experiences and what they learned. We will also have an informal discussion the importance of being culturally and globally aware which will be open to all UW Bothell students. Our ultimate goal with this trip is to create a chain reaction of benefits meaning we hope the students will bring back with them a sense of cultural awareness and pass it on to other students. Other sources of financial support will potentially come from the SAEF Grant and student driven fundraising.

Benefits to Participants

In 150 words or less, please describe the benefits that participants are likely to gain by attending or participating in this program or service.

Before departure, we will have the students do a 5 page double spaced paper on Honduras, its people, culture and history to gain a better understanding of the culture they will spend their time in. By going on this trip, we hope students will gain an understanding of global community service needs, unique cultural experience that we can then bring back to the greater UWB community; it will foster leadership and broaden our understanding of people and their needs around the world. The benefits from such a program are however really endless because each individual can possible take away something different. This opportunity can really change peoples outlook and really enrich their lives.

Additional Information

Please include any other information you feel is relevant to your request. (There is no character limit on this field.)

We have talked to students that have gone on this trip in the past and this is one of the responses. Again, although this is a medically focused trip, there are many other tasks students will be given that wont include what you will read below such as painting the clinics and helping with construction of buildings.

The trip is great. The previous few years we have used other organizations, but this one was by far the best and the cheapest. We were able to provide medical care for over 1000 people in rural Honduras. We would go to clinics where we would observe the doctors asking questions and writing prescriptions. After a while, because there were so many patients, we also started writing prescriptions. We also learned how to give shots, of which we gave a lot to the patients. In addition to the medical care we helped provide, we were able to observe a dentist pulling teeth, and, much like with the medical doctors, after a while we were pulling teeth ourselves (with guidance from the dentist). We also went to schools to hand out toothbrushes and toothpaste to teach kids how to brush their teeth. This was really rewarding because some kids had never brushed their teeth before. Besides going to the clinics and schools, we were able to go to a hospital to observe and see how different medical care is there than it is from the states.

Salary/Wages

NA

Benefits

Benefits paid to regular employees working at least .50 FTE should be calculated at 33.4% of earnings. Benefits paid to hourly employees should be calculated at 14.9% of earnings.

NA

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NA

Facilities Rentals/Set-Ups

If you require facilities rentals/set-ups, please indicate it here.

NA

Telecommunications

Telephone equipment should be estimated at $35 per handset, per month (this includes only one extension).

NA

Security

NA

Printing & Photocopying

NA

Transportation

10 flights from Seattle to Tegucigalpa, Honduras
10* $1,109 = $11,090

**Meals and Lodging for Travel**
Program fee includes lodging, meals and in country transportation.
10*$850= $8,500

**Office Supplies**
NA

**Food/Refreshments**
Included in program fee

**Equipment Rentals/Purchase**
NA

**Other**
*Please include any other expenses that don’t fall under any of the above categories.*

**Total Amount Requested**
$19,590