

## *Sample: Group Falcon Travel Grant Application*

Department: Music

Funding Category: For URSCA students who are **ATTENDING** a conference or event as a professional development opportunity

Title: An Investigation of Music Standards within Minnesota and Wisconsin Classrooms

Abstract / Description: *(not required for attending category)*

Identify the most appropriate category for your presentation: *(not required for attending category)*

Significance of project to field: *(not required for attending category)*

Name of professional conference: Wisconsin Music Educators Association (WMEA) Conference

Location: Madison, WI

Date: Oct. 27-28, 2016

Conference classification: Regional/State Conference

Importance of conference to your education and career development: The Wisconsin State Music Conference ([www.wmeamusic.org](http://www.wmeamusic.org)) is an annual conference designed to improve music education within the state of Wisconsin (and beyond) via clinic presentations, concert performances, roundtable discussions, and more. The Wisconsin Music Educators Association (WMEA) takes great pride in hosting this annual event, which regularly receives national acclaim as an outstanding state-sponsored music-education convention.

By attending this workshop, UWRF music-education students will have the opportunity to learn from a wide array of music-education pedagogues, including a mix of both traditional and forward-looking approaches. As you can see from looking at the conference agenda (link provided above), clinic sessions are wide ranging and include both elementary- and secondary-level choral, instrumental, and general-music presentations and performances. These clinic sessions provide attendees with an opportunity to learn from master teachers, discuss new approaches to traditional music education, explore ways to meet the needs of today's students, learn about ways to implement music-education standards (including the 2014 National Core music standards), and observe rehearsal techniques by leading conductors. These practical learning opportunities, provided by a diverse group of renowned musicians and pedagogues, are invaluable in our quest to become exceptional music educators.

In addition to the opportunity to learn from top-notch clinics sessions and performances, students who attend this conference are able to develop an extended professional network within the music-education community. These connections often lead to long-term professional relationships with like-minded colleagues, who serve to challenge and inspire current students for years to come. Further, these relationships are vital as we seek to enter the job market as music educators.

Itemized budget:

Conference Registration: \$28.00 (early bird, student rate) x 20 students: **\$560**

Transportation: 4 University Fleet Minivans

\$0.61 per mile (fleet rate) X 525 miles X 4 minivans **\$1281**

Hotel: Our group (including 10 females and 10 males) will require 6 hotel rooms for Thurs., Oct. 27, 2016

Best Western East Towne Suites in Madison (\$85/night for WI State rate)

\$85 x 6 rooms x 1 night **\$510**

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Total travel expenses: **\$1,994**

Total budget requested: **\$1,994**