

Elks National Foundation Programs Seminar

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PROGRAMS SEMINAR AGENDA

- ✓ Community Investments Programs
- ✓ State Grants
- ✓ Scholarship Programs
- ✓ Other ENF-Sponsored Programs
- ✓ Questions



Elks National Foundation

We fulfill our mission by:

- Providing tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with a healthy beginning;
- Honoring the Elks' pledge to never forget our veterans;
- Helping the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives and
- Funding projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.



Community Investments Program

This year, the ENF will invest up to
\$1.375 million
in local communities.

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Community Investments Program

Components:

- Gratitude Grants
- Promise Grants
- Impact Grants
- Lodge Assistance Grants



Gratitude Grants

In 2008-09, **1,479** Lodges qualified to receive a Gratitude Grant of up to **\$500** to make Elks communities better places to live.



Gratitude Grants

Why does the ENF offer Gratitude Grants?

- To show our appreciation to Lodges that meet the GER's per-capita goal.
- To encourage and support Lodges in addressing their community's needs.

Who is eligible?

- Any Lodge that reaches the GER's 2009-10 per-capita goal of \$4.50.

How much is the grant?

- Reimbursement of up to \$500.



Gratitude Grants

How does my Lodge apply?

- Lodges are notified once they reach the GER's 2009-10 per-capita goal of **\$4.50**.
- Applications are sent to qualifying Lodges.
- Lodge Secretary completes the application and submits to the ENF for approval by **May 31, 2010**.
- Gratitude Grants can only be used **after** the Lodge has become eligible.



Gratitude Grants

How does my Lodge get reimbursed?

- A Final Report form will be sent to the Lodge Secretary.
- After the Lodge uses its grant, the Final Report form must be completed, and signed by the Lodge Secretary and Exalted Ruler.
- The Final Report form must be submitted to the ENF, along **with proof of expenditures** by **August 31, 2010**.



Gratitude Grants

In 2008-09...

1,479 Lodges qualified for a Gratitude Grant.

1,088 Lodges applied for a Gratitude Grant to make a difference in their community.



Biking in Winter Park

Members of Lodge No. 1830 take the prizes out for a spin before holding a Summer Safety Program for youth in their community.



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Other Examples of Gratitude Grants

- ❑ Donate to a food pantry or Meals-on-Wheels program.
- ❑ Purchase coats for a winter coat drive.
- ❑ Support veterans in your community by hosting a dinner.
- ❑ Contribute to a local family in need.
- ❑ Purchase supplies for a senior center.
- ❑ Award scholarships to students in your community.
- ❑ Support an all-community event such as a Flag Day celebration of July Fourth fireworks.



Gratitude Grants

Important dates for 2009-10:

- Applications must be completed and submitted to the ENF for approval by **May 31, 2010**.
- Grants are available for use between **July 1, 2009**, and **July 31, 2010**. Lodges may only use grants for expenses that occur after they have met the per-capita goal.
- Final Reports due by **August 31, 2010**.



Promise Grants

Why does the ENF offer PGs?

- To support a Lodge event that builds the character and competence of local youth.

Who is eligible?

- The first **250** Lodges that pledge to host an event.
- You do **not** need to meet the GER's per-capita goal to apply.

How much is the grant?

- Reimbursement grant of up to **\$500**.



Promise Grants

How does my Lodge apply, and what are the deadlines?

- Pledge forms were sent to Lodge Secretaries in June, but can also be found on our website at www.elks.org/enf/community.
- Pledge as soon as possible. The deadline is **March 31, 2010**, but we expect to reach the quota before this date.
- Host your event between **July 1, 2009**, and **July 31, 2010**.



Promise Grants

How does my Lodge get reimbursed?

- A Final Report form will be sent to the primary contact on the application.
- After the Lodge uses its Promise Grant, the Final Report form must be completed, and signed by the Lodge Secretary.
- The Final Report form must be submitted to the ENF, along with proof of expenditures, by **August 31, 2010.**



Scaring up a Good Time in Lincoln



Lodge No. 80 volunteered at Boo at the Zoo, an event that provides a safe place for trick or treaters.



Other Examples of Promise Grants

- ❑ Host a fishing derby at a local lake.
- ❑ Sponsor a story writing or essay contest.
- ❑ Host a youth fest with activities for all ages and distribute drug awareness materials.
- ❑ Help an Elks-sponsored Scout troop fulfill badge requirements.
- ❑ Partner up with a local youth organization to teach kids about the dangers of abusing drugs and alcohol.
- ❑ Host a holiday or dance party at your Lodge to provide youth with drug-free activities.



Promise Grants

Question:

Can my Lodge use a Gratitude Grant together with a Promise Grant?

Answer:

Yes, a Gratitude Grant can be added to a Promise Grant to build the character and competence of local youth in a single Lodge event. Imagine the event your Lodge could host with **\$1,000!**



Promise Grants

Important dates for 2009-10:

- Applications are due by **March 31, 2010**, but awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, so apply early.
- Host event between **July 1, 2009**, and **July 31, 2010**.
- Final Reports due by **August 31, 2010**.



Impact Grants

In 2009-10, the total grant pool for Impact Grants is **\$500,000!**



Impact Grants: 101

Impact Grants are:

- Larger, competitive grants.
- Worth up to **\$10,000**.
- Intended to make a difference in the Lodge community by starting a new project or expanding on an existing one.



Impact Grants: 101

Who's Eligible?

All Lodges are automatically eligible to apply.

How many Impact Grants will be awarded?

Since funding for this program is limited and Impact Grants are competitive, only a limited number of Lodges will be awarded between **\$2,500** and **\$10,000**.



Impact Grants: 101

Impact Grants are designed to support Lodges looking to **meaningfully and visibly** address the needs of their communities, on a larger scale than ever before!



Catch the Spirit Project



Rancho Cordova, Calif., Lodge No. 2484 assists veterans in their community in many ways, like holding appreciation dinners at Veterans homes and providing food baskets to military families.



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Impact Grants

July 6 & 7

Impact Grants Workshop
and Office Hours – Portland Hilton

August 31

Application deadline

October

Grant recipients announced

Jan. – Dec. 2010

Grant monies can be used



Impact Grants



What would your Lodge do with \$10,000?

Stop Dreaming. Start planning!

Lodges have until **August 31, 2009**, to submit an application to the Elks National Foundation, which means that now is the time to start thinking about how your Lodge can benefit from this exciting opportunity!



Lodge Assistance Grants

- Allows local business to support Lodge charitable programs through monetary donations to the ENF.
- Extends the use of the ENF status as a 501(c)3 to Lodges.
- Makes donations to the Lodge for specific charitable projects tax-deductible.



Lodge Assistance Grants

- Lodge completes a LAG application.
- Corporation, organization or foundation checks are issued to the ENF.
- ENF then issues a check for the same amount to the Lodge.
- A tax receipt will be issued upon request.
- Lodge must complete a Final Accounting form.



Community Investments Program

For more information visit us
online:

www.elks.org/enf/community

✓ Check out the “**What’s New**” page for all the latest in CIP news!



State Grants: What has the ENF done for you lately?

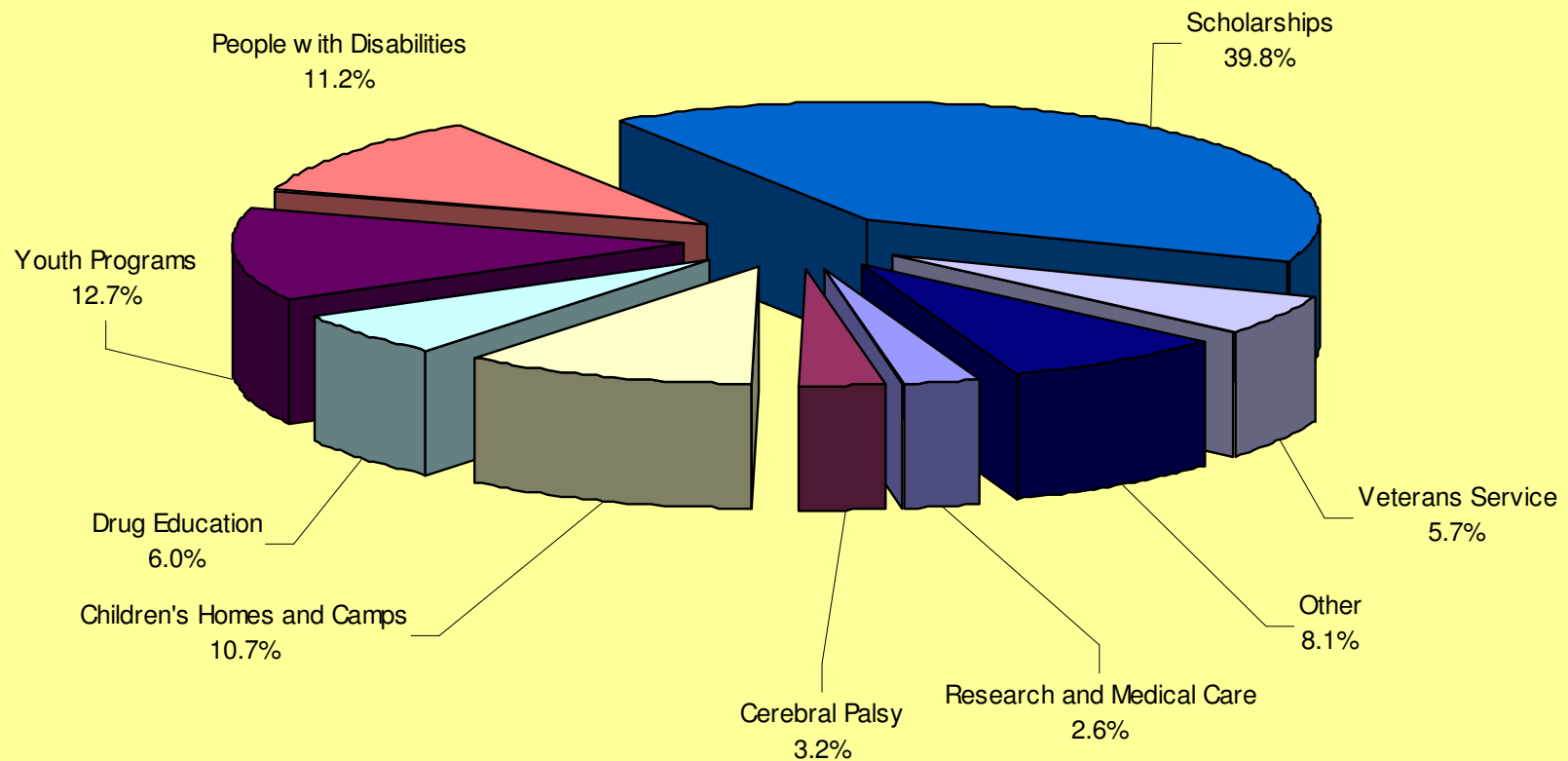
Did you know that the ENF gives more money back to the states in grants than to any other program?

\$7,222,560



State Grants: What has the ENF done for you lately?

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How are the states using our grants in 2009-10?



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ENF Scholarship Programs

Provide more than \$3.6 million in college scholarships annually.

- Most Valuable Student
- Legacy Awards
- Emergency Educational Grants



ENF Scholarship Programs

Did you know?

- In 2009, our Legacy Awards became \$4,000 awards, provided over four years. Doubling the program!
- This year, Legacy Awards applications will be online only!
- Our Most Valuable Student first- and second-place awards are the largest scholarships provided by any major fraternal or service organization.



Most Valuable Student Scholarship

500 four-year awards

- ❑ Two **\$60,000** scholarships (\$15,000 per year)
- ❑ Two **\$40,000** scholarships (\$10,000 per year)
- ❑ Two **\$20,000** scholarships (\$5,000 per year)
- ❑ Two **\$16,000** scholarships (\$4,000 per year)
- ❑ Two **\$12,000** scholarships (\$3,000 per year)
- ❑ Four **\$10,000** scholarships (\$2,500 per year)
- ❑ Four **\$8,000** scholarships (\$2,000 per year)
- ❑ 482 **\$4,000** scholarships (\$1,000 per year)



Most Valuable Student Scholarship

Scholarship • Leadership • Financial need

Applications are available Sept. 1 at:

- www.elks.org/enf/scholars.*
- Elks Lodges.
- High schools.



Most Valuable Student Scholarship

Scholarship • Leadership • Financial need

2010 Contest Deadline: **November 2, 2009**

Judging Deadlines:

- Lodges – November 23, 2009
- District – December 21, 2009
- State – January 18, 2010
- National – April 1, 2010



MVS Update

Starting with the 2010 scholarship contest, we are streamlining the application process for the Most Valuable Student Scholarship.

This will:

- Make applying for an ENF scholarship easier.
- Encourage more students to participate.
- Ensure 2010 winners will be announced well before students must commit to a university.
- Allow Lodges to celebrate winners during Elks Youth Week and school award ceremonies.



Most Valuable Student Scholarship

Each year, after all the hard work is completed at the **Lodge, District** and **State** levels, we survey the 500 national finalists.

Here is what they had to say...



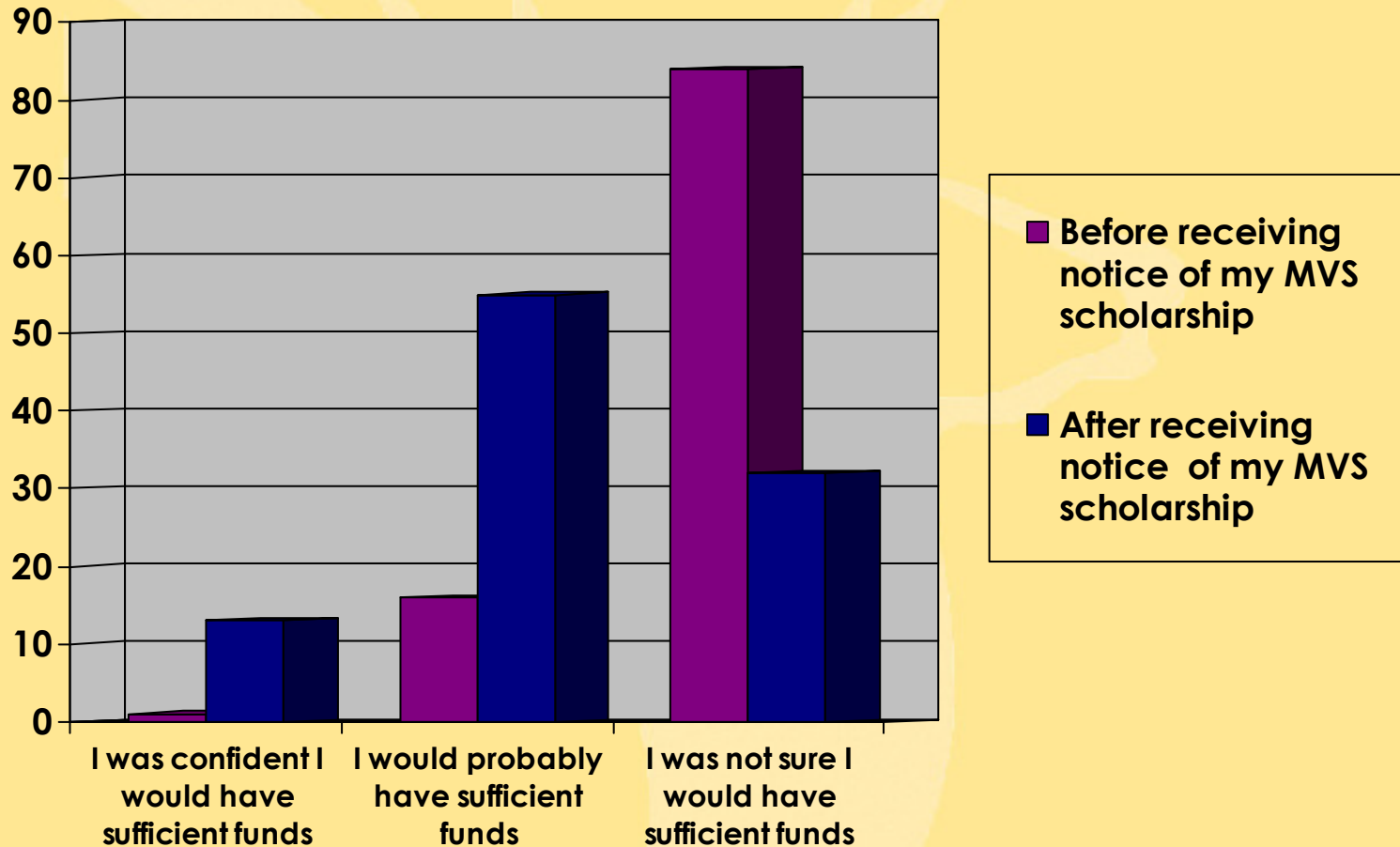
2009 MVS Survey

- ❑ Only 10% of students found it difficult to submit their application to the local Lodge, compared to 20% in 2008!

- ❑ 74% of students knew who to contact at the Lodge if they had questions, up from 65% last year!



2009 MVS Survey



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Legacy Awards

- Last year, the Legacy Awards program changed from a one-year, \$1,000 scholarship to a four-year, \$4,000 award (\$1,000 each year)!
- This year the Legacy Awards application will be completed and submitted online!



Legacy Awards

Available to the children and grandchildren of active Elk members who are:

- High school seniors
- Going to college
- Exhibit the values of the ENF:

- ❖ Knowledge
- ❖ Integrity
- ❖ Community
- ❖ Charity



Legacy Award Update

- Starting September 1, 2009, the 2010 Legacy application will be entirely online!
- Students will be able to save their application and return to it for edits and additions before submitting.
- Sponsoring Elk information will be verified through Grand Lodge.
- Once an application is received, the sponsoring Lodge Secretary will be notified by email.
- Applications are due on **January 8, 2010**, and winners will be announced in April 2010.



Emergency Educational Grants

Established in 1944 as a way to help the children of Elk members who lost their life or became incapacitated as a result of serving in World War II.



Emergency Educational Grants

- Expanded to include all children from families where an Elk parent is deceased or totally disabled.
- Provide college financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks who wish to obtain or further their college education.
- Students must demonstrate financial need to qualify for a grant under this program.
- Renewable, one-year grant amounts can range up to \$4,000.



Champions of the Order

By becoming more than a check for our scholars, we are building relationships with them now to inspire them to get more involved. As Champions of the Order, ENF scholars will:

- Volunteer at the Lodge.
- Give back to the Foundation.
- Become Elks.



Champions of the Order

- ❑ Last year, we surveyed our scholars and they told us that they would love to get more involved in their local Lodge.
- ❑ This year we have...
 - ✓ Established a Scholar Advisory Board, composed of seven scholars.
 - ✓ Awarded four \$500 Cornerstone Grants to help our scholars in their community service initiatives.
 - ✓ Awarded the first annual ENF Alumnus of the Year Award
 - ✓ Started a monthly e-newsletter to keep ENF scholars, alumni and Lodge volunteers involved.
 - ✓ Created a presence on various social networking sites to reach out to scholars.



ENF Scholar Volunteers

How the ENF Scholar Volunteer Program works:

- Lodges can submit scholar volunteer opportunities online or by mail.
- Volunteer opportunities are posted online.
- Scholars in the area are notified of new opportunities in their area.
- Scholars contact the Lodge if they are available to help!



ENF Scholar Volunteers

Examples of volunteer projects include:

- Youth Week events.
- Hoop Shoot[®] and Soccer Shoot contests.
- A Drug Awareness Program.
- Impact Grant projects.
- Promise Grant events.



ENF Scholar Volunteers

Interested in inviting scholars to volunteer with your Lodge?

Visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars/volunteer.cfm to submit an event!



ENF Scholar Speaker Program

- The ENF matches interested scholarship recipients with local Lodges, and arranges a time for scholars to visit the Lodge to talk about their college experiences.
- Lodge members can get to know ENF scholars, and scholars get more involved with their local Lodges!



ENF Scholar Speaker Program

Invite an ENF Scholar Speaker to your next event!

- State Conventions.
- Lodge dinners.
- Awards banquets.
- Meetings.



ENF Scholar Speaker Program

Want to host an ENF Scholar Speaker?

Email *KristenS@elks.org* to find out more!



Get Involved!

- Submit a Lodge Volunteer Opportunity form to get to know scholars while serving your community.
- Invite an ENF scholar to speak at your Lodge.
- Visit our website, www.elks.org/enf/scholars/enfscholars.cfm, to stay up-to-date on scholar news and stories.



Stanford Tran, the 2005 Most Valuable Student runner-up, recently returned to his sponsoring Lodge, Santa Clara Lodge No. 2347, as an ENF Scholar Speaker



Hoop Shoot National Free-Throw Contest

- More than 3 million boys and girls ages 8 – 13 participate each year!
- Support the Elks youth programs by going to your Lodge Hoop Shoot contest! Better yet, be a volunteer!



Drug Awareness Program

DAP Program strives to:

- Teach all children and parents about the dangers of illegal drug use.**
- Prevent the abuse of legalized and prescription drugs.**



Elks National Veterans Service Commission

- ❑ Expanded presence at VA hospitals.
- ❑ Increased efforts to assist homeless veterans.
- ❑ Support the men and women who are currently serving overseas.



Elks National Veterans Service Commission

In each of the 172 VA Medical Centers across the country, Elks VAVS Representatives spend time hugging heroes, shaking hands, giving thanks, and offering comfort and companionship to hospitalized veterans.