

Sister Jude Braus Memorial Grant  
for Student Organizations  
2019-2020 Application Packet

## Sister Jude Braus, OSB

1940-1985

Sister Jude Braus served as the first Vice President of Student Development at the University of Mary. Her understanding of and commitment to students was recognized by students and staff alike. In the early years of the University of Mary she had first hand experience of life in residence halls. She resided in both North Residence Hall and Boniface Hall. Her presence as a Benedictine Sister in these halls communicated a concern for students and a desire to support them in their learning and growth. As vice president, she moved student activities and services into an organized department now known as student development.

Sister Jude embodied the Benedictine values in all of her life. She assisted students in understanding that whatever choices they made affected their future. She approached each student with respect for who they were and who they could become. She helped them integrate their academic goals with social development and encouraged them to participate in co-curricular activities. In the 1975 Kaleidoscope, Sr. Jude stated: "What significance do Benedictine values hold for the twentieth century? The Benedictine way of life has never dictated a particular kind of work for its followers. The openness through time to the needs of the people of God has encouraged Benedictines to positive change." Sr. Jude facilitated this positive change on behalf of the University of Mary and its students.

Sister Jude was always supportive of students and staff trying new things that would further the growth of students and programming at the University of Mary. She loved to participate in student events. The story is told that she "stole the show" at one student talent show in which she introduced sedentary ballet! Her passion for students and their success was evident in all of her work.

Sister Jude died on December 30, 1985 at the age of 45 of cancer. She taught her last class just two weeks before she died. Her short life was lived to the fullest and her legacy of servant leadership will live on forever.



Student Organization Officers and Advisors,

Thank you for your interest in the Sister Jude Braus Memorial Grant for Student Organizations. Student Organizations have a vital role in building and maintaining a strong sense of community at the university. This application packet includes everything you need to apply for a grant.

**The primary goal of the Sr. Jude Braus Memorial Grant Program is to provide student organizations with the support needed to sponsor events for the student body that help build community. Funding will be given to organizations who are sponsoring events and activities that are open to the entire University of Mary community.**

**There are two types of grants**

**A. Start-Up Grants for New Student Organizations**

1. New Student Organizations that have been approved in the last calendar year (the semester they are approved)) are automatically given a grant of \$300 to help the organization get going.
2. The \$300 will be placed directly into the new organizations account as soon as they establish their account in the business office.

**B. Community Building Grants**

1. Each fall, the Student Involvement Coordinator will coordinate the application process by issuing application invitations to all official organizations that are in good standing. All student organizations that submit an application by the stated deadline. Applications will be reviewed by the Student Involvement Coordinator, the Director of Student Life, a representative of the Student Senate appointed by the Student Body President, and the Vice President for Student Development.
2. Applications will be reviewed for completeness and grants will be awarded according to the goals of the program.
3. If there are any funds remaining after the first round, a second round of applications for the community grants will be coordinated by the Student Involvement Coordinator. This process will continue throughout the school year until the funding is gone. You are encouraged to apply during the first round to have a better chance of receiving funding.

Any single organization is eligible to receive a maximum of \$1000 from the community-building grant program in any given year. Groups are eligible to apply more than once a year as long as the organization is staying under \$1,000 total.

**Examples of items that are eligible for funding:**

- Campus events sponsored by the organization that are open to the campus community as a whole
- Matching funds (not to exceed 50% of the total) raised by the organization to support the organization's sponsorship of service projects, when the general student population is eligible to participate
- Speakers, when attendance is open to the University of Mary Community
- Matching funds (not to exceed 50% of the total) to support conference registration for members making presentations at a conference

**Items that are NOT eligible for funding:**

- No funding shall be granted to any organization or activity expenditure that violates University of Mary policies, Community Standards for Students or North Dakota State law.
- No funding shall be granted towards the purchase of alcohol, tobacco, or any other item prohibited under the University of Mary Student Handbook.
- No funding shall be granted for cash donations to other organizations or entities.
- No funding shall be granted for personal clothing, equipment or supplies (such as club apparel).
- No funding shall be granted for items to be sold in order to raise funds.
- No funding shall be granted for travel of any kind.

Funding can be awarded as follows:

- Funded at the maximum level of the request.
- Funded at any amount less than the maximum level requested.
- Deny funding the request in its present form but encourage the student organization to submit a revised request.
- Deny funding.

**This application MUST be submitted by the students, and they are to be the main contact throughout the process.**

# Sister Jude Braus Memorial Grant for Student Organizations Application Form

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*Complete and submit form to the Student Involvement Coordinator. It must be a physical copy, no email please.*

Name of Student Organization \_\_\_\_\_

President \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Organization's Contact (If not the President) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please have your advisor read and sign the following:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (physical signature) have read the attached appropriations application and approve of the amount my organization has requested. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (phone) \_\_\_\_\_ and (email) \_\_\_\_\_.

**EVENT/ACTIVITY INFORMATION**

1. What is the event/activity? (Please explain in detail) If this activity has occurred in the past please provide details on cost, attendance, etc.

2. When and where will this event/activity take place?
3. Who is your intended audience, and what is the expected attendance?
4. What are the funds being used for? Please be specific and detailed in your explanation.
5. Will the campus be invited to the event/activity? Will the public be invited?
6. Does the event/activity include any kind of fundraising? Please explain.

