

# MAFEL

## Minnesota Association for Experiential Learning



MAFEL is a unique regional organization and professional forum designed to foster the development, promotion and supervision of internships, community service learning, and field experience learning.

## MAFEL Organizational Goals

- To promote internships, service learning, and experiential education as a means for students to enhance connections between academic learning and the world of work and service.
- To create and strengthen partnerships between sites and education institutions.
- To advance the practice of experiential learning by addressing common problems, developing new learning models and assessment tools, promoting principles of good practice, and asserting influence as a network of education, public service, and corporate professionals.
- To serve as a resource network for sharing information and ideas, and serve as a forum for members' professional growth and development.

## Membership and Contact Information

### Yearly Membership Fees:

- \$25 for an individual
- \$75 for an organization (allows five voting members for the organization)

More information on upcoming meeting dates, topics and membership applications are available online at:

[www.macalester.edu/mafel](http://www.macalester.edu/mafel)

You may also connect with the MAFEL membership on LinkedIn at:

[www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)

# MAFEL Membership Benefits

## Why join MAFEL?

- Bi-monthly networking/professional development meetings
- Learn best practices in experiential education
- Promote your school's student interns or your organization's internship and volunteer opportunities
- Share new ideas and learn about new trends

## Best-Practices Resources

The following resources were developed by the MAFEL membership and are available on the MAFEL website. More best practice resources will become available in the future.

- Top 10 Characteristics of a Successful Internship Program: **Orientations**
- Top 10 Characteristics of a Successful Internship Program: **Structure**
- Top 10 Characteristics of a Successful Internship Program: **Performance Management**

## Funding Opportunities:

MAFEL offers two funding opportunities for member organizations to support their student interns: an Intern Scholarship and Internship Transportation Grants.

## Selection Criteria:

- Applicant must hold a MAFEL membership
- Quality of internship description
- Demonstrated financial need
- Applicant organization holds not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) status, according to federal tax criteria

## Parameters for Funding:

- Internship must be at least 3-months (12 weeks) in duration.
- Student must work a minimum of 10 hours per week.
- Funds will be held until an intern is identified, but must be awarded within 12 months of the award notification date.
- Applicants may submit more than one application, but an organization can receive only one scholarship or grant per year.



## Intern Scholarship

MAFEL Members are eligible to apply for a scholarship of up to \$250 to provide compensation for an internship at their organization.

## Intern Transportation Grants

MAFEL provides travel assistance grants for students engaged in an academic internship with a member organization.

MAFEL may award up to six (6) \$50 grants each year to help students cover costs associated with travelling to and from an internship.

The Executive Committee will make its awards based on the relative merits of the application. Intern Scholarship and Intern Transportation Grant applications are available on the MAFEL website:

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