



Meyer and Revson Scholarships

One of the caveats to obtaining and using these scholarships is that the student would no longer be able to request further opportunities fund money. Is that just for this year? Or would they be able to access it their following senior year?

In an effort to ensure the future viability of the Opportunities Funds, we plan to restructure how and when the Funds can be accessed. In all probability, students will only be able to receive a single grant from the Opportunities Funds during their time at Macaulay.

Haven't these grants already existed in Macaulay before?

We had Revson and Meyer grants before, but these are new arrangements with the donors for these funds, with different requirements and dollar amounts and procedures, specifically to provide opportunities to the class of 2019.

Why have you indicated that these are new scholarships, rather than explaining that these grants have been diverted for the class of 2019?

See above—the amounts, procedures and requirements for these funds have changed to the extent that they are really new scholarships.

The email we received about these new scholarships states that "Students who receive a Meyer or Revson award will not be eligible for any additional funding from the Opportunities Fund in any future semester." Does this mean that we cannot access any funding ever from the Opportunities Fund besides the funding we receive from the Meyer and/or Revson award? Or rather that we cannot be further reimbursed for a Meyer study abroad/Revson internship with additional Opportunities Fund money?

The Meyer and Revson fellowships are considered to be a premium offering within the Opportunities Funds. As noted above, students will only be eligible to receive ONE award from the Opportunities Fund during their time at Macaulay.

How will the 50 applicants for the Meyers Scholarship be chosen?

As usual, a committee made up of the Macaulay advisors from all campuses and some Macaulay staff will make these decisions. Advisors do not vote on their own students' proposals.

Is the structure of the fund and the way awards will be given set in stone? Why wasn't the Scholars Council contacted for input if this is something directly affecting the students?



The Meyer and Revson scholarships were set up in this way to provide opportunities for the class of 2019 that did not exist before. The External Relations team negotiated with the donors and CUNY Financial office to make this possible in the only way that we could, while still meeting the deadlines of the Opportunities Fund access period. There was no flexibility in the guidelines or requirements once the funds were made available.

What if a junior already has a paid internship? Can they still apply for the Revson Scholarship in order to try and lock up some money they know they will not get from the opportunities fund?

Any eligible internship (must be related to public service) can be used to apply for the Revson Scholarship.

Why at the bottom of the email did it say that these two scholarships will “almost certainly be more than we anticipate awarding in future” from the opportunities fund? If juniors already basically have to wait until their senior year to study abroad (which some at that time now cannot due to important internships and tests to study for) and were told they will not get the \$7,500, but one thing funded for, doesn’t this new information contradict that?

At this time, there is no dollar amount guaranteed for Opportunities Funds awards to students. There is no contradiction—the Meyer Scholarship is a generous award for a study abroad experience. Other opportunities for students who do not receive the Meyer Scholarship can still be funded, but there is not a minimum guaranteed dollar amount.

General Study Abroad

If a junior chooses to study abroad the winter of their senior year (Winter 2019), and will access the opportunities fund, does it have to relate to their major?

The criterion about relating to the major or career plans is only for the Meyer Scholars. Other Opportunities Funds uses do not carry this requirement.

Can we be in the process of applying for a study abroad program while applying for the opp fund?

Can it be for a study abroad in January 2018?

Yes.

Communication

Some students from Queens College already received the email about this opportunity before it was finalized. Is there a way to ensure things like this don’t happen again and to streamline communications more effectively?



We have discussed with our communications team how important it is to have only complete and accurate information released, and to release it at the same time for everyone.

Why are counselors disseminating this new information if an official email has not been sent?

We have discussed with the advisors the importance of not disseminating incomplete or unofficial information.

Future Funding

What is the timeline for the student-proposed Opportunities Fund Gala? Will students be involved in the planning of the event?

The event will be held on April 16, 2018. The Scholars Council will be involved in planning the student portion of the event.

How much is expected to be left in the Opportunities Fund for the juniors?

We are still working to determine the size of a standard Opportunities Fund award and also larger awards available from “premium” fellowships (like Meyer or Revson) where Macaulay has received dedicated philanthropic funding with specific restrictions.