



# SENIOR PROFESSIONALS

*Illinois State University*

## Civic Engagement Award 2018

**APPLY NOW! Awarding up to  
\$1,000 to fund one or multiple  
service projects**

Illinois State University is committed to encouraging students to participate in Civic Engagement activities. Senior Professional members have promoted community service throughout their careers and in retirement.

Sponsored by Senior Professionals and the American Democracy Project at Illinois State University, up to \$1,000 will be awarded for local Civic Engagement projects that are administered primarily by students. Projects must be completed by Friday, May 25, 2018.

### **Civic Engagement**

For the purpose of this project, Civic Engagement is defined as an activity in which students confront social issues or become engaged in direct action aimed at the goals of civic improvement and education/reflection within the local community.

### **Who Can Apply**

Illinois State University student organizations or individuals participating in an in-course project that is aimed at improving or educating within the Bloomington-Normal community are eligible to apply.

### **Application Procedure:**

The application form is available online at:

**<http://seniorprofessionals.illinoisstate.edu/>**

### **Criteria:**

Applicants will be assessed on the extent they address the following:

- How the project will engage the Bloomington-Normal community
- Description of the project (what is the project, how many people will be involved, etc.)
- Goals of the project (what will be accomplished)
- Financial breakdown (dollar amounts of items listed in importance to the project)
- Advisor's/Professor's approval and contact information on application form
- Support material (optional)

### **Senior Professional Participation:**

Senior Professional members are available to act as consultants for your project, if desired. This group has networks throughout the local community, serves as board members for various civic groups and has knowledge of community resources.

### **The Grant Recipients:**

A representative must attend the Senior Professional Annual Meeting on April 22 and make a brief presentation concerning the project. A written summary of project results is also required.

### **Civic Engagement Grant 2018 Timeline**

February 9	Applications are due to the Senior Professional office by 3 pm.
February 16	Winners are announced and contacted.
February 23	Money is available for projects.
April 22	Presentations are made at Senior Professionals' Annual Meeting.
May 25	Project must be completed and a written summary of the project sent to Senior Professionals.

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