



UNWLA EDUCATION FUNDING & DONATIONS GUIDELINES

The UNWLA, as a crucial intermediary between donors and beneficiaries, bears a significant ethical and legal responsibility to handle funds appropriately for the intended mission. This commitment to ethical practices is a cornerstone of our operations, underscoring the necessity of clear and transparent guidelines and policies for fundraising activities. These guidelines are instrumental in ensuring the responsible use of funds for their designated purposes, providing reassurance to our stakeholders about our unwavering commitment to ethical practices.

Promoting education is one of the UNWLA's most important tenets. Any program sponsored or supported by the UNWLA must follow its established guidelines. To better promote and coordinate the many UNWLA Education projects and be accountable to our donors and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the following guidelines have been instituted effective June 15, 2024. Specifically, they pertain to:

- A. How to proceed when fundraising/donating to an approved and established Education project;
- B. How to proceed when fundraising/donating to a new project not part of the approved and established Education Program.

A. FUNDRAISING FOR APPROVED AND ESTABLISHED EDUCATION PROJECTS

The UNWLA National Board has approved the projects listed below. This approval is a testament to their integrity, legitimacy, and the channels through which funds are delivered to recipients.

The UNWLA Lectorium on Women's Studies of the Ukrainian Catholic University, established in September 2012 with the initiative and financial support of the UNWLA, is dedicated to organizing, creating, and coordinating academic activities and lectures related to Women's Studies. The focus of these lectures and seminars is to provide a scientific understanding of the role of women in Ukrainian society, both in the past and present, and to study the processes that influence the development of the individual, the family, and society.

As of September 2018, the lectureship became UNWLA's "Women's Studies Center," which now offers graduate degrees in Women's Studies. Public lectures and conferences are an integral part of this academic project. Since the program's inception, UNWLA has donated over \$140,000.

- Send financial donations directly to UNWLA headquarters.

SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

This program, in existence since 1967, was founded to support disadvantaged students. They range from elementary school students to doctoral candidates. Since its inception, more than \$5M has been awarded to over 5,000 recipients from 17 countries, including Ukraine. Recipients are recommended by educators and partners associated with UNWLA in the student's country of residence. The program's success has been made possible through the generous support of the UNWLA, its branches, individual branch members, sponsors, and benefactors.

- To sponsor a student or donate to the program – contact the UNWLA Scholarship Office at scholarship@unwla.org.
- Send financial donations directly to the UNWLA scholarship office.

THE UNWLA EVA STASZKIW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The UNWLA is committed to fostering interest in Ukrainian studies in the United States. Annually, the UNWLA awards \$3,000 from the UNWLA Eva Staszkiw Memorial Scholarship Fund to a student in Ukrainian-related studies.

- You can support this endowment fund by donating directly to UNWLA headquarters.

THE VOVK FOUNDATION AWARD

The Vovk Foundation Annual Award is a permanently endowed scholarship for students of Ukrainian heritage studying technology, engineering, law, business, medicine, music/art, and physical and natural sciences. Every year, one selected student is awarded \$4,000.

BIANNUAL CAMPS FOR CHILDREN IN UKRAINE

The UNWLA sponsors summer and winter camps under the guidance of Rev. Taras Mykhalchuk, Head Army Chaplain of the Lviv Archdiocese of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. These camps serve children from Central and Eastern Ukraine and orphans from Lviv's boarding schools.

Through these joint efforts, children are offered counseling and exposed to team building in a supportive environment.

- You can support these camps by sending financial donations directly to UNWLA headquarters.

HOLODOMOR AWARENESS

The UNWLA endorses the dissemination of Holodomor awareness to the general public. Branches and Regional Councils are encouraged to:

- Raise awareness and recognition of the Holodomor as genocide through requests for gubernatorial proclamations;
- Hold Holodomor exhibits and educational lectures;
- Advocate for the inclusion of the Holodomor in genocide studies in high schools and universities.

B. FUNDRAISING FOR NEW EDUCATION PROJECTS THAT ARE NOT ON THE APPROVED AND ESTABLISHED LIST:

The National Education Chair must first approve any education project proposed by a regional council or branch not part of the accepted and established education program by utilizing the “New Project Proposal” form on the UNWLA website. This ensures that the proposed project aligns with the UNWLA mission, has been vetted to ensure its legitimacy, and complies with IRS rules. If the proposed project is approved, the Branch/Regional Council must ensure the aid went to the right party by obtaining evidence in the form of a report, correspondence, and/or photographs, which should be retained for audit purposes.

Examples of new projects requiring a New Project Proposal form:

Some examples of projects requiring notification and approval before expending funds are shown below. In all cases, a contract must be drawn up between the UNWLA and the recipient of funding to ensure the protection of the rights of both parties.

- Funding authors for the production of books;
- Funding the production of films;
- Funding curriculum development/production of Ukrainian courses, including history and language courses.