

Minnesota Student Association

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Fees Request for 2009-2010 Academic Year

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Is your organization an IRS 501(c)(3) not-for-profit? Yes: X No:
If yes, please provide proof of your organization’s 501(c)(3) status.

Funds are being requested for (check all that apply):

General Operating Support: X Start-Up Costs: Capital: X
Project/Program Support: X Technical Assistance: Other (List):

Budget:

Dollar Amount Requested	<u> \$140,103.00 </u>
Total Annual Organization Budget	<u> \$182,103.00 </u>
Total Project Budget (Apart from General Operating)	<u> \$137,300.00 </u>

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Narrative

The Minnesota Student Association (**MSA**) is the undergraduate student government at the Twin Cities Campus. The membership includes all of the approximately 28,000 registered undergraduate students at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. MSA actively represents its constituency through interaction with the Board of Regents, the University of Minnesota administration, media, staff and faculty, student groups, surrounding communities, municipal government, and the Minnesota State Legislature.

Brief History

The Undergraduate Student Government has existed since the formation of the All University Student Council in 1911. In 1959, student government was reorganized into the Minnesota Student Association. The new face of student government roughly parallels our current system including an “MSA Senate” populated by academic senators and a “MSA Forum” composed of student group representatives. In what proved to be the most volatile period in the history of student government at the University of Minnesota (1970s), it changed names as many as three times and disbanded twice. In the early 1980s the students reunited under the Minnesota Student Association and the MSA Senate was incorporated into the University Senate. In 1990, Graduate and Professional students left the Minnesota Student Association and created the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA) to better represent the unique concerns and needs of their constituency. At the same time as the “MSA/GAPSA split,” student government started to lose focus in many aspects of its original mission. Over the past few years MSA has rebuilt its credibility, and as this application will prove, is the strongest it has been. The 2008-2009 school year has been a particularly successful year as MSA has recommitted to focusing on its mission of student advocacy.

Relationships with Other Student Groups

The Minnesota Student Association is actively engaged with other student groups of a like mission. MSA is in constant communication with the Student Senate Consultative Committee (SSCC), who elects a member to serve on the MSA Executive Board. Over this past semester MSA and SSCC have worked together in a landmark resolution which proposed a tuition cap of 5.5% each year over the next two years.

MSA has also been working with GAPSA on various projects. Together the two student governments at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities campus are exploring all options to ensure that the student voice is heard in discussions concerning tuition, student advocacy and personal finance/student indebtedness. We have jointly made a proposal to the Board of Regents, in an effort to strengthen student representation to that Board and provide consistency from year to year. To accomplish these goals, MSA and GAPSA hold joint Forums each semester as well as conduct meetings when issues arise that affect both governmental bodies.

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MSA continues to strengthen relationships with its representative groups; including the cultural centers, all fourteen (14) college boards, both Greek councils, and the Residence Hall Association. The benefit of these relationships is proven by established partnerships on events and projects such as the community involvement concert, the late night MSA Express van, and the extension of the Washington Avenue Bridge Connectors hours. In addition, MSA holds student leader meetings as a chance for organizations to have another time to promote their events and network with each other.

Mission/Vision Statement and Goals

The formal mission statement of our organization is as follows:

- *To effectively advocate for the needs of the undergraduate students on the Twin Cities Campus to all stakeholders of the University of Minnesota;*
- *To facilitate communication and cooperation between all student groups;*
- *To provide an accessible Forum for the discussion of issues affecting undergraduate students;*
- *To present an environment that substantially contributes towards the education of students through active participation;*
- *To inspire school spirit, campus community, and a great pride for a student's affiliation with the University of Minnesota;*

Goals

MSA has worked tirelessly to create programs and services that enrich the lives of the student populace in accordance with our mission statement. Maintaining a professional, well-organized governmental system provides the foundation to realize these programs and services. This year there has also been an increased emphasis upon presenting a unified student voice through strong advocacy to the University administration, local, and state government. Our goal is to continue and emphasize MSA's duty to act as advocates for the student body. MSA has strived to create a sense of a campus community through our advocacy and service programming.

Breakdown of Goals

-Create programs and services that are relevant and of concrete value to the student populace.

- Sponsoring a concert to reward students for and encourage students to become actively involved in their communities; as well as with non-profit organizations and student groups on campus.
- Maintain a free late-night transportation option for students on Friday and Saturday nights to create an increased sense of safety on and near campus.
- Train students to effectively advocate for themselves and their peers at the local and state government levels.

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- Run a tax service program where trained student volunteers receive training to assist other students file their taxes, a confusing endeavor for young adults.

-Make the Minnesota Student Association a professionally run and well organized governmental system. Strive to be a model for student government on other campuses.

- Encourage members of Forum to be active in debate, discussions, committees, and projects.
- Foster a healthy working relationship between MSA leaders, staff, and their constituents.
- Follow up on resolutions and position statements that MSA Forum passes.
- Have regular meetings with the University's administration.
- Retain current Forum members and attract new ones by keeping discussions interesting and relevant.
- Development of a consistent internal office policy.
- Hold effective transitions between outgoing and incoming Executive Board and Steering Committee members. (April/May)
- Modeling our most successful and visible efforts for other U of M coordinate campuses, i.e. the Legislative Certificate Program.

-Make the Minnesota Student Association and its resources more visible to students.

- Increasing student group participation by reaching out to them to inform them on how to become an active member in MSA. During the last year we lowered the group minimum from fifty (50) members to thirty (30) members.
- Be transparent; make all meeting minutes, position statements, and resolutions available on the website.
- Requiring office hours of MSA leaders and staff that are able to answer the questions of any student who visits our office.
- Sponsor, co-sponsor, or participate in events that are well attended by students and represent MSA ideals such as; walking in the 2008 Homecoming Parade to encourage voting, working with the Career and Community Learning Center on a community involvement fair in February 2009, and helping fund events hosted by other student groups.

- Increase emphasis upon presenting a unified student voice through strong advocacy to the University administration, local, and state government.

- Coordinate annual "Support the U Day"
- Host voter registration drive
- Implement the Legislative Certificate Program
- Understanding and clarifying the biennium budget process to students.
- Be a constant presence at the legislature while advocating for student issues.

-Create a stronger campus community.

- New grant structure to encourage student groups to partner for events.
- Reach out to student groups through student leader meetings, event partnerships, and invitation to Forum membership.

Necessity of Undergraduate Student Government within University Community

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The Minnesota Student Association is a necessity to the undergraduate students at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Campus for several reasons. First, every undergraduate is a member of MSA. Although only elected members can vote during Forum, all undergraduates can attend Forum, committee meetings, MSA Executive Board and Steering Committee meetings, and be an important part of student government. Second, University governance, administrators, faculty, and even the media are provided with a representative student opinion due to the diversity of the MSA Forum. Thus, it is essential that a student government such as MSA exists for students to express their views openly and eventually organize a response to a particular issue. Third, MSA is equipped with the personnel, relationships, and resources to coordinate large scale events, educational programming, and facilitate discussions and cooperation between entire student groups. Student government provides a valuable outlet that allows students to take advantage of opportunities to begin initiatives that they find important or needed for the University community.

Student Benefits from the Existence of Undergraduate Student Government

Undergraduate Students on the Twin Cities Campus benefit from the Minnesota Student Association in several areas: advocacy, programming, and educational and leadership development.

Advocacy

The Minnesota Student Association is the undergraduate voice to administrators, the Board of Regents, and city and state officials. After Forum votes on the position to be taken by undergraduates on issues, those position statements and resolutions are taken to the respective people who deal with the particular issue stated. For example, MSA passed a position statement recommending that a tuition cap at 5.5% and a resolution that a letter about the position would be written to The Minnesota Daily student newspaper. The position has been brought to the University Senate, University administration, and Board of Regents, and a letter has been written and will be published in The Minnesota Daily at the beginning of the spring semester 2009. MSA is an active participant in the community making sure that students are represented and have a voice on issues such as; housing, renter's rights, and renter application fees through representation to various neighborhood associations and the "Renter's Guide" survey issued through MSA each year. At the State Capitol, MSA represents undergraduates on issues concerning students such as; financial aid and funding for the University. This past semester MSA began the Legislative Certificate Program, which is a program designed to train 10 students to successfully advocate for their peers at the State Capitol.

Programming

A large portion of the Minnesota Student Association's budget is allocated towards programming in 2008-2009. Through the Diversity Education Fund and Small Event Fund, MSA returns \$54,000 to student groups to assist with the financial burden of their events, which promote the ideals and increase visibility of the group.

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In 2008-2009, MSA has devoted \$21,400 to the annual “Lend a Hand, Hear the Band” concert-an event designed to reward students for community service and involvement. Every ten (10) hours of community service earns the student a ticket to a concert. Additionally, MSA partnered with Boynton Health Service, both Greek councils, and the Residence Hall Association to reform the MSA Express and make it a separate student group. The success of the program has grown exponentially and the program will continue to be funded through these groups in the 2009-2010 academic year until the group can apply for its own student service fees.

The Minnesota Student Association is known for excellence in hosting and providing support for a variety of educational and social events. MSA gives back to students through the programming that it provides.

Education and Leadership Development

Active participants in the Minnesota Student Association will attest to the educational and leadership opportunities that it offers because it is an entirely student-run, student-driven organization.

MSA provides students with leadership opportunities through appointments to various boards and committees such as; the Board of Regents, the Student Union and Activities Board of Governors, the University Dining Service Advisory Board, the Light-Rail Transit Committee, various neighborhood associations, Office of Student Affairs Advisory Board, and many other organizations.

The MSA office also provides educational tools for all students to use, a few examples are; minutes from the Board of Regents meetings, outlines of the University bonding and biennial budget requests, information about political campaigning on campus, information on registering to vote in last November’s election process, and information regarding the fees process. MSA also provides a program to teach students how to file their state and federal taxes and to effectively advocate for student issues at the State Capitol.

Student Involvement and Participation

Students Governing Students...

The Minnesota Student Association is a 100% student-run organization directly accountable to all undergraduate students. The structure benefits students by maximizing the availability of compensated and volunteer positions while achieving the same results as a professionally run non-profit organization.

Student Employment Opportunities

The Minnesota Student Association employs three (3) part-time students; one (1) executive administrative assistant, one (1) chief financial officer, and one (1) technical support personnel. By maintaining a paid staff, MSA can ensure an effective communication process with students and administration, in addition to professional operational results.

Minnesota Student Association***Elected Positions***

Currently there are sixty-six (66) elected positions on Forum; twenty-six (26) student group representatives, twenty (20) at-large representatives, and fifteen (15) Student Senators. In addition, there are well over twenty-five (25) appointments per year.

Committees

Currently there are five (5) standing committees in MSA, not including the Executive Board or Steering Committee.

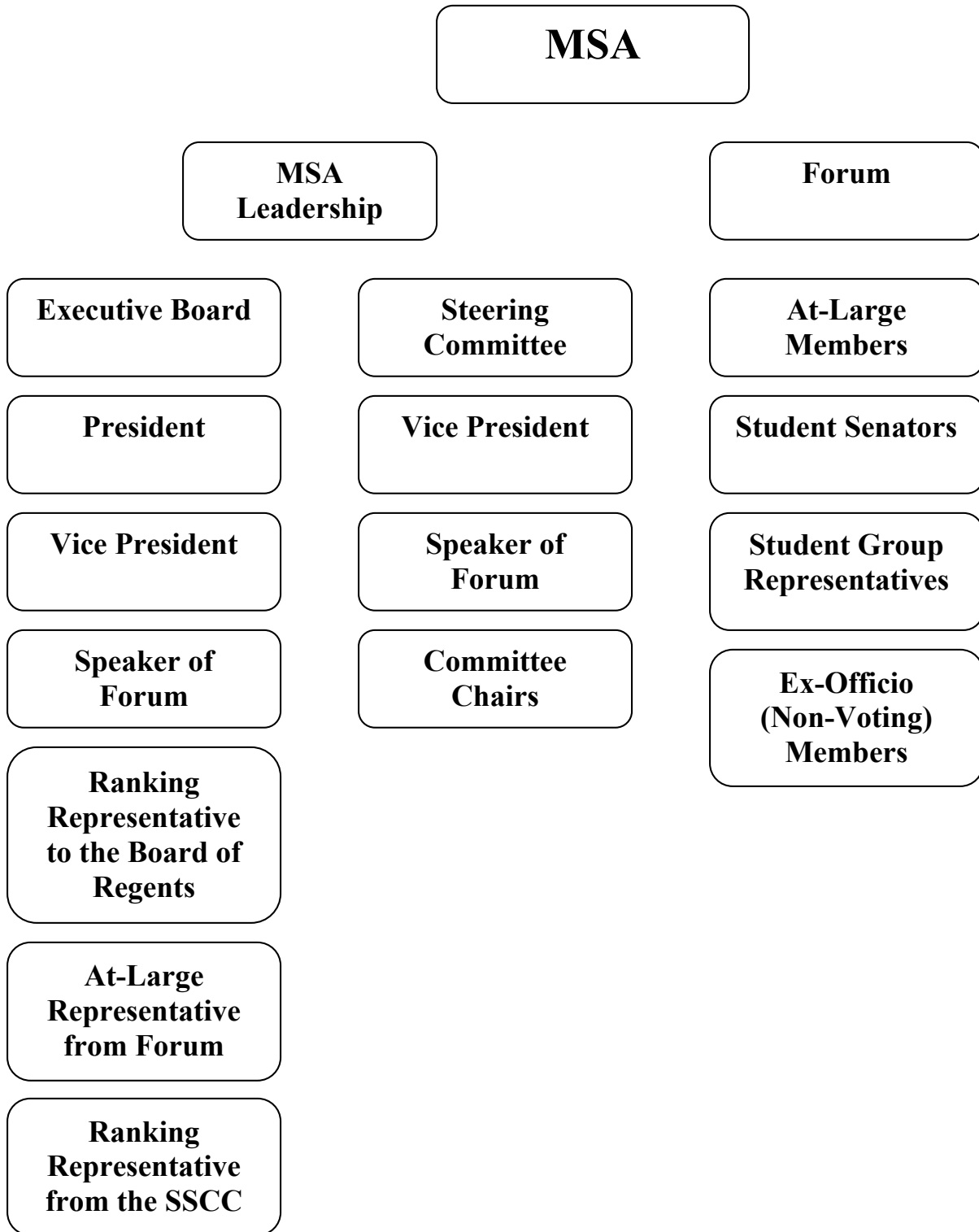
- Academics and Services
- Campus Relations
- Facilities, Housing, and Transportation
- Grants
- Legislative Affairs

Every member of Forum is required to serve on a committee, which they are appointed to by the Vice President. The committee meetings, as well as the Executive Board and Steering Committee meetings, are open to all undergraduates. We currently have several non-elected students attending committee meetings as well as Forum.

Total Request

- The Minnesota Student Association is asking for \$140,103.00 in Student Service Fees.
- This is a decrease in our 2008-2009 request of \$146,068.00 from last year by \$5,965.00.
- The Minnesota Student Association is not formally in operation over the summer months, and will budget any summer expenses (Utilities, etc.) into the Spring budget.

Organizational Chart



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***NOTE: The Minnesota Student Association is the Undergraduate Student Body Government on the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities campus and unlike any other student group on campus. Forum is comprised of Senators from all fourteen (14) colleges, Greek councils (IFC, PHC), Residence Halls, student groups, and at-large representatives. Due to the diverse background of its membership, MSA is the most accurate representation of the student body on campus. MSA impacts students through more than just programming; there are weekly Forum and committee meetings along with many other opportunities offered. The current leadership performed an evaluation through Forum at the end of the Fall 2008 semester and Forum feels that MSA is the strongest that it has been in years, with a seventy-four percent (74%) approval rating of the leadership.**

2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget Breakdown

Diversity Education Fund/Small Event Fund Grants

The Diversity Education Fund (DEF) and Small Event Fund (SEF) Grant Committee is committed to supporting student groups. DEF grants are devoted to the celebration of diversity in both culture and idea, and the building of community on campus. SEF grants are to fund smaller events. In compliance with Student Union and Activities guidelines, MSA revised its grant process this past summer. The spirit of the process is the same, with the changes merely being that a complaint process was added and student groups are more strongly encouraged to partner for events. The spirit of the grants is for MSA to establish a strong relationship with and foster a sense of community between student groups that are committed to cultivating the University of Minnesota's long standing value and promotion of diversity on campus. Some of the events funded include:

- "Taste of Korea" hosted by the Korean International Student Organization, which had 400-500 students in attendance, all of which experienced an array of Korean cultural traditions and dishes.
- "The Ethics of What We Eat" a seminar that held almost 400 students by the group Compassionate Action for Animals.
- "HIV and AIDS Awareness Week" which raised money and awareness of HIV and AIDS, with more than 350 students participating with Shades of Red.

Lend a Hand, Hear the Band

For the last three years, MSA partnered with the University administration, Greater Twin-Cities United Way, Coca-Cola, TCF Bank, and various other organizations to sponsor a concert to honor students who are actively engaged in their communities through volunteer work. Every ten (10) hours of service earns them one (1) free ticket to the show, with each student being able to earn up to four (4) tickets for forty (40) or more hours served. This event encourages students to be active in their communities and MSA sponsors on campus events to help provide students with the opportunity to get involved.

Legislative Certificate Program

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During the fall semester of 2008, the Minnesota Student Association developed and implemented the Legislative Certificate Program (LCP). Ten (10) students were selected through an application process and are undergoing training to effectively advocate for themselves and their peers concerning issues relevant to the student body's interests. These skills are important and useful for life while on campus and beyond. Their experience and leadership training also ensure that future leaders in MSA will be well qualified and efficient in their roles.

This program is a great asset to the student body and has gained attention from elected state officials, the University administration, and other student governments. After learning of this program and its potential to affect change for the student body, GAPSA, the graduate student government, pieced together its own version, modeled on MSA's success. Representatives from University coordinate campus student governments have already contacted us requesting to be trained on how to run the LCP on their own campuses.

This program alone has distinguished MSA as the student government with the most foresight and focus when representing its constituency.

On-Campus TCF Bank Stadium

MSA has been present and pushed for student involvement in every aspect of the planning and use of an on campus football stadium. MSA has been a strong advocate for a student benefits package and recognizing student service fee contributions to the stadium. MSA members also sit on planning committees for the 2009 Homecoming. In these committees we have advocated for student traditions and concerns at the first Homecoming to occur entirely on campus in over 20 years.

MSA Student Concern Forum

In the spring the Minnesota Student Association holds the Student Concern Forum as a chance for students to ask administrators questions about their issues on campus such as: parking and transportation, renting, and University services.

Renter's Survey and Guide

The purpose of the Renter's Survey is to gather information on rental units that members of the University community live in. MSA then compiles the data in order to rank the units so the members of the University community, specifically students, know the reputation of a property before committing to a lease. MSA's goal is to improve the living conditions in the surrounding communities and make sure that students are not being taken advantage of by landlords. Both the data processing and publishing costs are covered in the budget portion of the fees request.

The Campus Special

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The Minnesota Student Association co-sponsored the Campus Special this past year. The Campus Special is a booklet of coupons to student's favorite local businesses: Papa John's, Noodles and Company, the Big 10 Bar and Restaurant, and Darque Tan. This program has the opportunity to save students thousands of dollars.

Support the "U" Day

This is the major lobbying day staged by the Minnesota Student Association whose main focus is on getting students involved at the State Legislature. This year the members of the Legislative Certificate Program will help MSA leaders provide students with the tools to approach and lobby legislators effectively for causes benefiting the University of Minnesota. With more than one hundred (100) students generally involved, the event presents an effective and unique presence at the legislature due to the combination of our students along with those from coordinate campuses advocating for the University of Minnesota. MSA's goal for Support the 'U' Day in 2009 is to have 250 students attending. All indicators suggest that we are on track to achieve that goal.

Tax Program

During the spring semester, from mid-February to April 15, the Minnesota Student Association offers a free tax filing service to University of Minnesota students. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Minnesota Department of Revenue provide MSA with the materials to train a small number of members to do taxes for those with incomes less than \$40,000 per year. Provided that students bring in their W-2 form, Proof of Address, Official Identification, and Social Security Card, and have no extenuating circumstances (i.e. owning land in another state), these trained members can complete the process and efile the forms with the IRS. Students can rarely afford to have a professional accountant file their taxes and are often uncomfortable doing so themselves. The IRS requires that the service is open to all members of the community, regardless of academic status, so permanent residents of the surrounding neighborhoods are also eligible. This eligibility provides a chance for permanent residents of the community to interact with students and view them in a more positive light, which fulfills MSA's goal of developing a sense of community.

Description of Impact at Ten Percent Reduction in Fees Request

A ten (10) percent reduction in the MSA Fees Request of \$140,103.00 would be a reduction in funding by \$14,010.30. An actual reduction in fees would almost certainly result in the following:

- **Reduced Size of the "Lend a Hand, Hear the Band" concert**
A reduction in the size of the concert would most result in a smaller headlining act which would decrease the number of participants in the program. It would also be less visible to students, and there would be less volunteer opportunities that MSA would be able to host to engage students in their communities.
- **No Small Events Grants (\$5,000)**

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A ten percent reduction in grants would almost certainly mean that there would be no Small Events Grants in 2009-2010. This portion of the web-site would be disabled and groups who had previously received funding to make their events possible would be notified that this opportunity will not be available in the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

- **Reduction of New Projects/Ideas**

A reduction would mean that there would be less money to put into new programs developed by MSA members to benefit all students on the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities campus. This would deny the innovative aspect of student government and rejection of funding would turn more into a rule, rather than the exception, resulting in stagnation of the organization.

In summary, a ten (10) percent decrease in funding would compromise our ability to provide a visible representation and professional student government to students and to bring student concerns to University administration, and elected officials. Our services to students would decrease or be cut. Those students who joined MSA to improve or add services would be denied.

BUDGET			
Complete the sections below, as it applies to your organization Shaded sections are formulas and should not be changed			
Student Organization Name:			
INCOME	ACTUAL 2007-2008	PROJECTED 2008-2009	REQUEST 2009-2010
Student Services Fees	\$ 131,853.00	\$ 144,104.47	\$ 140,103.00
Foundations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Corporations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Individual Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fundraising Measures	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
In-Kind Support	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investment Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grants Internal to UM (i.e. Administrative, Coke)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Grants External to UM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operation Reserves (should be 10%)	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ -
Equipment Reserves (if applicable to your organization)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Long Range Planning Reserves (if applicable to your organization)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Carry over from Previous year	\$ 22,515.37	\$ 28,367.01	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 209,368.37	\$ 236,471.48	\$ 182,103.00
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	ACTUAL 2007-2008	PROJECTED 2008-2009	REQUEST 2009-2010
Salaries, Wages, and Stipends	\$ 25,140.00	\$ 25,250.00	\$ 29,300.00
Insurance, Benefits, Taxes	\$ 577.27	\$ 1,053.00	\$ 1,053.00
Consultants / Professional Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Food	\$ 933.54	\$ 1,068.48	\$ 1,200.00
Equipment	\$ 2,845.49	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Supplies	\$ 568.57	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,200.00
Printing and Copying	\$ 1,706.49	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
Telephone and Fax	\$ 3,840.60	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Postage and Delivery	\$ 105.46	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Rent and Utilities	\$ 2,645.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,700.00
In-Kind Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other (Specify)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Operational Expenses	\$ 38,362.42	\$ 39,121.48	\$ 44,803.00
PROGRAMMING EXPENSES*	ACTUAL 2007-2008	PROJECTED 2008-2009	REQUEST 2009-2010
Food		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Room Rental		\$ 19,075.00	\$ 19,075.00
Advertising		\$ 10,672.00	\$ 11,172.00
Entertainment		\$ 53,000.00	\$ 53,000.00
Travel		\$ 853.00	\$ 853.00
Other		\$ 52,950.00	\$ 52,950.00
Total Programming Expenses	\$ -	\$ 136,800.00	\$ 137,300.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 38,362.42	\$ 175,921.48	\$ 182,103.00
Difference (Income Less Expenses)	\$ 171,005.95	\$ 60,550.00	\$ -
<p>* For the Programming/Project expenses, organizations must provide a breakdown of the programming/projects that comprise the total costs listed above. In turn, the sum of each programming/project's costs should add up to the totals listed for each item. The Programming/Project breakdown sheet is provided on the next page and should be duplicated for each individual program/project. Breaking down your organization's projects and supplementing with narrative pages could alleviate the need to compile this information for the fees committee at a later date.</p>			

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2009-2010							
Student Org Name	Minnesota Student Association						
Name of Program	Diversity Education Fund (DEF) and Small Event Fund (SEF) Grants						
Food	\$	-					
Room Rental	\$	-					
Advertising	\$	-					
Entertainment	\$	-					
Travel	\$	-					
Other (DEF)	\$	46,000.00					
Other (SEF)	\$	8,000.00					
Program Total:	\$	54,000.00					
Narrative:	Diversity Education Fund (DEF) Grants are committed to celebrating diversity in both culture and idea. Small Event Fund (SEF) Grants fund smaller events hosted by student groups. Through funding grants, we are able to establish a strong relationship with numerous student groups and therefore be able to more effectively communicate their needs to the greater University community.						

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2009-2010							
Student Org Name	Minnesota Student Association						
Name of Program	Lend a Hand, Hear the Band						
Food	\$	-					
Room Rental	\$	19,000.00					
Advertising	\$	8,000.00					
Entertainment	\$	53,000.00					
Travel	\$	-					
Other (Supplies)	\$	2,500.00					
Other (Community Events and Insurance)	\$	1,445.00					
Program Total:	\$	83,945.00					
Narrative:	For the last three years, MSA partnered with the University administration, Greater Twin-Cities United Way, Coca-Cola, TCF Bank, and various other organizations to sponsor a concert to honor students who are actively engaged in their communities through volunteer work. Every ten (10) hours of service earns them one (1) free ticket to the show, with each student being able to earn up to four (4) tickets for forty (40) or more hours served. This event encourages students to be active in their communities and MSA sponsors on campus events to help provide students with the opportunity to get involved.						

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2009-2010							
Student Org Name	Minnesota Student Association						
Name of Program	Legislative Certificate Program						
Food	\$	250.00					
Room Rental	\$	-					
Advertising	\$	-					
Entertainment	\$	-					
Travel	\$	-					
Other (Specify)- Uniforms	\$	750.00					
Program Total:	\$	1,000.00					
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Student Org Name	Minnesota Student Association				
Name of Program	MSA Concern Forum				
Food	\$	-			
Room Rental	\$	75.00			
Advertising	\$	425.00			
Entertainment	\$	-			
Travel	\$	-			
Other (Favors)	\$	100.00			
Program Total:	\$	600.00			

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PROGRAM BREAKDOWN 2009-2010

Student Org Name	Minnesota Student Association				
Name of Program	Renter's Survey and Guide				
Food	\$	-			
Room Rental	\$	-			
Advertising	\$	1,500.00			
Entertainment	\$	-			
Travel	\$	-			
Other (Guide)	\$	3,500.00			
Program Total:	\$	5,000.00			

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Student Org Name	Minnesota Student Association				
Name of Program	Support the "U" Day				
Food	\$	-			
Room Rental	\$	-			
Advertising	\$	1,147.00			
Entertainment	\$	-			
Travel	\$	853.00			
Other (Specify)	\$	-			
Program Total:	\$	2,000.00			

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Student Org Name							
Name of Program	Tax Program						
Food	\$ -						
Room Rental	\$ -						
Advertising	\$ 100.00						
Entertainment	\$ -						
Travel	\$ -						
Other (Summaries for Students)	\$ 100.00						
Other (Gifts for Volunteers)	\$ 100.00						
Program Total:	\$ 300.00						
Narrative:	MSA in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Minnesota Department of Revenue will provide federal and state tax preparation services for students and local residents who have an annual income of less than \$40,000. Volunteer preparers are University of Minnesota students in accounting related majors.						