

MLH Learning Grant Guidelines

The Learning Grant Fund has been created to promote educational opportunities in the fiber arts and carries the following guidelines:

1. The applicant must be a member in good standing of the Michigan League of Handweavers. The MLH defines a member in good standing as any person who has been a continuous paid member for the 12 months prior to submission for a grant.
2. Learning grants are granted for a specific fiber workshop, conference, costs of final application expenses for the H.G.A. Certificate of Excellence or other formal instruction. They are not awarded for vague further study. Funds awarded may be used by the recipient to cover the cost of the class, related workshop supplies and room and board during the period of study. Learning Grants will be awarded once each year at the Spring Board meeting.
3. If an applicant wishes to reserve a place at an MLH conference or workshop, they will need to register and pay the fees required. MLH will then reimburse the applicant once the Learning Grant has been approved.
4. The maximum amount of each award is \$300 for an MLH Conference or Workshop. An award, not to exceed \$150 may be given to help defray the cost of other fiber-related educational activities.
5. An applicant may receive a grant **once every four years**, unless the applicant can demonstrate extenuating circumstances, which will be considered by the MLH Executive Board.
6. Learning Grants are limited to one award per guild per year.
7. The candidate must complete the Learning Grant application form. A letter of recommendation from his/her guild president or secretary must accompany the application. Non-guild MLH members may request such a letter from any MLH Executive Board member.
8. The Learning Grant Chairperson must receive the completed application no later than one week prior to the Spring Board meeting. This will allow the Learning Grant Chairperson to present the request to the board for consideration.
9. The Learning Grant Chairperson will notify awardees in writing or via e-mail immediately following the Spring Board meeting.
10. Learning Grants are nontransferable and must be used for the specific purpose for which they were awarded.
11. **All Learning Grant recipients are encouraged to present a program segment, a mini-workshop, write an article for the MLH Newsletter on the results of the Learning Grant experience or to send a thank you note to be published in the newsletter.**