"We acknowledge that the Fees Committee does not award actual dollars, but rather a penny fee that earns dollars based upon student enrollment levels. Any differences between anticipated and actual income resulting from changes in enrollment are the responsibility of the student organization, not of the Fees Committee."

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Is your organization an IRS 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit? Yes _________ No _____ X _____

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 $ 4,110
Total Annual Organization Budget $ 13,000
Total Program Budget (apart from General Operating) $ 9,700
Section 1: Narrative

§ History

Students Against Hunger was established in the summer of 2009 due to the desire of a few students who wanted to find a way to actively help others in need. We originated as a satellite of the nonprofit organization Kids Against Hunger, based in New Hope, MN. Over the years, the organization has expanded from just one or two meal making sessions to packaging thousands of meals, providing for the local community and creating awareness about hunger issues and poverty-related issues throughout the University of Minnesota campus and community.

§ Mission and Goals

Our mission is to spread awareness of local and global hunger issues on the University of Minnesota campus while providing students with an avenue to actively change lives by providing aid to those in need. We hope that the knowledge and volunteer experiences students receive will stay with them throughout their lives. Our goal is to let people know they can make a difference and improve the world around them, no matter how small or large the act, and provide an opportunity for them to do so.

§ Cooperation among similar student organizations

In the past we have partnered with UNICEF, an organization that promotes education and health for children throughout the world. In addition, we have worked with Fraternity and Sorority Life to host meal making sessions during Spring Jam and AMSA in the fall that resulted in around 300 volunteers and over 46,000 meals packaged each time. We have also contacted similar groups in hopes to put on larger scale awareness projects such as a Hunger Banquet and a Global Poverty Project event.

§ Why we are needed at the University of Minnesota

It is important that University students are aware of critical world and local issues such as poverty and hunger. Our organization reminds and educates students about the issue of hunger not only around the world but locally as well. We have found that many students come to our organization unaware of how stark the differences are between the lives they are able to lead and the lives of people impacted by poverty and hunger. By hosting meal making sessions, volunteering at soup kitchens, and hosting awareness events, we provide students an opportunity firsthand to see the effects of hunger, interact with those affected by it, and actively make a difference for the better. Furthermore, our bi-weekly meetings provide a platform for students to discuss hunger and poverty-related issues by giving them the opportunity to conduct presentations and lead discussions on such topics.

§ Benefits for students

Students Against Hunger not only fosters awareness in the University community but allows members to create a sense of community with others with similar interests. Our organization also provides hands-on volunteer experiences that students can not only call upon in interviews but in their everyday lives as well, helping to make them more well-rounded individuals.
§ **Student Involvement**

The students in our organization actively participate by attending our volunteer and fundraising events. They package meals, volunteer at soup kitchens and volunteer their time at our fundraising events such as our Valentine’s Day bake sale and holiday donations gift drive. In addition, they contribute valuable ideas and input on past and upcoming events during our bi-weekly meetings.

**Section 2: Organization Chart**

![Organization Chart]

**Section 3: Performance Report**

Our group has positively impacted the student experience at the University of Minnesota in many ways. Our email list has over 500 emails, enabling our students to keep up to date on our activities. In fall of 2010 and 2011, about 200 students each time packaged meals at our Welcome Week meal packaging sessions. In Spring of 2011 and 2012, we hosted a large-scale meal packaging event at the Field House in conjunction with Fraternity and Sorority Life, and brought about 300 volunteers each time; another event co-hosted by AMSA and the CLA Student Board in December 2012 also brought around 300 volunteers. Our regular meetings and meal making sessions usually bring 10-20 people.

When volunteering at the Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen, we usually go 4 times per year and have 10-20 volunteers each time. When hosting the Global Poverty Project last year, we had about 30 people at the presentation; we hope with more advertising, we will have even higher turnout this year. At previous Hunger Banquets we have hosted, we have had turnouts of about 50 people.
Section 4: Reserve Accounts

- Checking Account: Students Against Hunger, TCF Bank
  - Amount: $2,850 as of December 2012.
  - This account is used for depositing fundraised and donated funds to our student group. Funds are used for awareness events, social events, supplies, and materials for volunteering at the Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen.

- Students Against Hunger also has another checking account through Stadium Village Church. This account is used for ordering materials for meal making sessions (rice, soy, etc.), and is funded through donations from the church and other donations to be used specifically for meal making.

Section 5: Fees Request

This is the second year that Students Against Hunger is requesting Student Services Fees. This year we are requesting $4,110, an increase from the $2,200 we requested last year. The main reason for this increase is because we would like to offer more programming events next year than we currently offer. Our events are our main avenue for recruiting more members and getting people interested in the issues of hunger and poverty, so we would like to be able to offer attractive events in which students will want to participate.

Regarding operations expenses, we are requesting a total of $550. We are requesting money for equipment and supplies, such as a hand truck and cooler, as we often have to transport heavy and/or refrigerated materials for some of our events. We are also requesting money for miscellaneous office supplies that our organization currently lacks (e.g. pens, scissors, tape, etc.), as well as funds to cover printing expenses to advertise our events, activities fairs registration fees, and t-shirts that would be available to all group members.

Most of our student services fees request is for our programming expenses. We plan to repeat two events that we have hosted previously: the Hunger Banquet and the Global Poverty Project. Both awareness events are presentations that highlight the stark differences between the developed and developing worlds, the struggles of poverty and hunger faced by many in both worlds, and ways students can get involved to help alleviate those problems. Our changes in these two funding requests reflect additional money to fund room rental fees, food, and advertising the events more effectively. Additionally, we would like to host another awareness event that would bring in speakers from multiple hunger-fighting organizations to share their experiences and offer ways students can become involved in their work. The funds requested for this event would cover room rental, food to offer, advertising the event, and money to reimburse our speakers for participating. We are also requesting funding to host social night events for our group members and all who wish to participate, and to offer food at our meetings to entice more people to participate in our group. Our smaller monetary requests involve creating transportation funds to reimburse students to reach our off-campus events, namely the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen and Meals on Wheels.
Our organization does not have an office, but we do have space in Stadium Village Church next to Superblock where we are able to store some of our materials and occasionally hold meetings. We may offer one or two activities or meal packaging events in the summer if there are enough volunteers able to come to justify hosting it, but the majority of our events take place during fall and spring terms. Students who pay the Student Services Fee benefit by being able to participate fully in our events.

Section 6: Impact of a 10% Reduction in Fee Request

A reduction in Student Services Fees funds would make it more difficult for our group to perform all the events and activities it aspires to do. There would be less money to fund our awareness events, making it harder to find affordable events to host, and it would also decrease the money we have available for food, entertainment, and other “fun stuff” that entices members to attend meetings, events, and get involved in our group. To keep up our current level of activity under a funding reduction, we would have to rely more heavily on fundraising, and perhaps hold more fundraisers to cover our expenses. Similarly, it is likely we would have to ask members to contribute out-of-pocket to our group, either by collecting membership dues or requiring donations to participate in events.