

Harpeth Hall

Dr. Stephanie Balmer NAC Grant

Dr. Stephanie Balmer National Advisory Council (NAC) Grant Endowment:

As a lasting tribute to our sixth Head of School, Dr. Stephanie Balmer, Derek and Marcie Allen Van Mol '92 permanently endowed the Dr. Stephanie Balmer National Advisory Council (NAC) Grant in 2019. Initially established by the National Advisory Council in 2018 under the leadership of NAC Co-Chairs Marcie Allen Van Mol '92 and Alison Smith '79, the program for rising seniors continues Dr. Balmer's legacy of inspiring young women to expand their horizons and courageously pursue knowledge and experiences through summer study or a summer internship.

Program Description:

The Stephanie Balmer NAC Grant is awarded each year to a junior for an internship or special study program during the summer before her senior year. Dr. Balmer inspired our school community with her enthusiasm for learning and her courage to step outside of her comfort zone. This program continues Dr. Balmer's legacy by awarding a grant to a student who wishes to engage in an internship or summer program that will expand her educational experience in preparation for college and her career and that reflects a courageous pursuit of knowledge in a field of great interest to the student.

Eligibility:

Juniors in good academic and citizenship standing may apply for the grant.

Process:

- 1. Application Form:** Fill out the Dr. Stephanie Balmer NAC Grant Request Form.
- 2. Expression of Interest:** Using the medium of your choice, please express why this internship or program is important to you and what you hope to learn from the experience. You may write a brief essay of 500 words or less, record a video, or utilize some other creative way to express your interest.
- 3. Submittal:** Submit the Grant Request Form and your Expression of Interest electronically via the Google Form. If your Expression of Interest is too large to upload (larger than 1GB), please contact **Janet Weller at janet.weller@harpethhall.org** to let her know, and she will make alternate arrangements for you to submit your Expression of Interest.

4. **Deadline:** December 3, 2021

5. **Grant Award Notification:** December 17, 2021

Criteria:

- The Dr. Stephanie Balmer NAC Grant Review Committee will award a single grant to one student (or multiple grants to multiple students) who demonstrates:
 - the most compelling reason for the grant funding, and
 - how pivotal the grant is to the student's ability to participate in the internship or program.
- Preference will be given to out-of-town internships or programs. Virtual programs are also acceptable.

Examples of Grant Funding Usage:

- **Unpaid Internships** – the grant could cover living expenses in the city where the internship takes place and/or fund travel to the city and back home.
- **Academic Programs** – the grant could cover tuition associated with the program and/or travel to and from the program.
- **Competitive Creative Camps** – the grant could cover the cost associated with the creative camp as well as travel to and from the camp.

Required Report of Outcomes

The student(s) will present to the National Advisory Council at the group's Fall meeting describing what she learned during her internship or summer program.

The student's experience will be shared with Marcie and Derek Van Mol and may also be shared with the broader Harpeth Hall student and alumnae community.

Stephanie Balmer NAC Grant Review Committee:

- Director of College Counseling
- Upper School Public Purpose Coordinator
- Upper School Dean of Students
- Director of Upper School
- Director of Winterim and International Exchange
- Director of Advancement
- Director of Alumnae Relations