

West Point Association of Graduates Policy Library

FNE-Funding Source for 50-Year Affiliation Program

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy covers the funding of the 50-Year Affiliation Program expenses and identifies which items are to be proffered.

REASON FOR POLICY

To provide guidelines for the payment of 50-Year Affiliation Program Expenses.

PROCEDURES

The 50-Year Affiliation Program furthers the ideals of West Point through direct interaction between alumni and cadets during cadet rites of passage; thus, the Program substantially contributes to West Point Association of Graduate's mission and as such is considered an approved need.

The 50-Year Affiliation Program concept includes ceremonies, receptions, and the presentation of mementos and symbolic items, such as a class flag from the 50-year senior class to the cadet class. The Program funds activities and ceremonies that span the 47-month cadet experience at the Academy (from Appointment through Graduation).

As an officially approved WPAOG need, the funding source for this Program is the **Class Gift Fund**.

Traditionally, USMA Classes engage in an active Class Gift campaign for their milestone 40th reunion, supporting an approved project from the Superintendent's Needs List. At that time, the alumni classes are encouraged to also raise funds for their upcoming 50-Year Affiliation Program. Once the 40th reunion gift campaign is over, the funds allocated to the 50YAP are transferred out of the Class Gift Fund and deposited into the designated and separate, temporarily restricted AOG project fund AOGB26-01 account. The 40th reunion gift campaign fundraising efforts will be coordinated through the Class Giving Office. The Class Giving Office will facilitate with Finance and notify Class Services of the completed transfer of 50-Year Affiliation Program funds from the Class Gift Fund into the AOGB26-01 account that is specifically earmarked with the class year from which the funds were deposited.

West Point Association of Graduates' Class Services will administer all payments for the 50-Year Affiliation Program with Class approval during the course of the program. Any residual funds remaining in the restricted AOG project account after payment of all 50-Year Affiliation Program expenses may be left in the 50-Year Affiliation Fund at the discretion of the Class. Otherwise, it will be returned to the Class Gift Fund by WPAOG Class Services. Class Services will communicate with the Alumni Class leadership, Class Giving, and Finance of this transfer.

PROFFER

The only items proffered to the Academy are tangible items presented to cadets. Under the current USMA-approved Program guidelines, these items may include Class Coins for Cow Affirmation, Branch Insignia for Branch Night, and Second Lieutenant Bars for Graduating Cadets.

RECOGNITION**Lifetime Giving**

The Class will be recognized for its gift in support of the 50-Year Affiliation Program in the Annual Report of Gifts upon completion of the 4-year program. The Class Gift will be fully credited toward the Class's lifetime giving total.

Events

The Class collectively will be recognized as a single donor in programs at various events as well as on social and print media.

ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY

Classes approaching their 50-Year Affiliation Program, Class Services, Class Giving, Finance.

WHO SHOULD READ THIS POLICY

All Class Leaders, Class Services, Class Giving, Finance.