

**Frontier Fiesta Association
Student Fees Advisory Committee
SSF Request for 2009-2010
One-Time Allocation Request**

The Frontier Fiesta Association is requesting FY2009-2010 one-time allocation of \$26,225 to cover necessary operational and production expenditures. A continued lack of funding will create significant difficulty in programming and executing a successful Frontier Fiesta.

Operational expenses (raw materials, lighting, wood, gas and electricity) increased by \$17,000 from FY2007-2008 to FY2008-2009. A previous SFAC FY2008-2009 request for a one-time allocation of \$19,607 was denied. External services including security (\$22,000), lease equipment (\$36,000), and the warehouse lease (\$24,000) total \$82,000 in basic operational expenses and do not include production costs.

Student organization registration fees are sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs for Frontier Fiesta 2009, however this does not alleviate any financial burdens for the FFA, only the organizations participating. The FFA must cover the same amount of expenditures regardless of student organization registration fees, which actually generated funds for operational expenses.

The FFA is unable to maintain or increase scholarship amounts and provide Frontier Fiesta at low or no-cost without additional University funding. Scholarship remains a primary ideal of the Association, but the Executive Board must also program an event that is safe, entertaining, and family friendly at little or no cost.

The Frontier Fiesta Association has the unique opportunity to restore integrity to the University of Houston's oldest tradition through increased emphasis on scholarship, University participation and community outreach following numerous years of organizational oversight. By utilizing available resources, including the Division of Student Affairs and Dean of Students for greater organizational support and guidance, the Frontier Fiesta Association is evolving the organization to more accurately reflect the image of the University of Houston student body.