



REGION AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Award/Scholarship Title: Excellence in Advising Awards

Award/Scholarship Description: Excellence in Advising Awards are selected within each region. These awards recognize individuals who demonstrate qualities and practices that make significant contributions to the improvement of academic advising.

Excellence in Advising Categories:

Excellence in Advising – New Advisor: Recognizes individuals who have demonstrated qualities associated with outstanding academic advising of students and who have served as an advisor for a period of at least one (1) but no more than three (3) years.

Excellence in Advising – Primary Role Advisor: Recognizes individuals whose primary role at the institution is the direct delivery of advising services to students.

Excellence in Advising – Two-Year Institution Advisor: Recognizes individuals employed by a two-year institution who provide outstanding academic advising support to students.

Excellence in Advising – Faculty Advisor: Recognizes individuals whose primary responsibility is teaching and who spend a portion of their time providing academic advising services to students.

Excellence in Advising – Advising Administrator: Recognizes individuals who may provide direct academic advising services to students but whose primary responsibility is as an administrator or director of an academic advising program for three (3) years or more in that role. Nominees for this award are not required to be a current member of NACADA.

These one-time awards/scholarships are non-transferrable to another person or activity/event. Individuals may nominate themselves. Reimbursement requests will be processed after the Region Conference and must be processed before December 1 of the Award season calendar year. Current NACADA Board members, NACADA Council members, Region Steering Committee members, and NACADA Executive Office staff are not eligible for nomination. NACADA's Executive Office staff does not disclose who is nominated or how many individuals are nominated for any award/scholarship.

Eligibility Criteria:

- New Advisor, Primary Role Advisor, Two-Year Institution Advisor, and Faculty Advisor nominees/applicants must be a current member of NACADA at the time of application.
- Nominee/applicant must have worked in the advising profession for a minimum of one (1) year.
- Nominee/applicant may apply only in their own region.

Selection Rubric:

[Excellence in Advising – New Advisor Rubric](#)

[Excellence in Advising – Primary Role Advisor Rubric](#)

[Excellence in Advising – Two-Year Institution Advisor Rubric](#)

[Excellence in Advising – Faculty Advisor Rubric](#)

[Excellence in Advising – Advising Administrator Rubric](#)

The Selection Committee will evaluate applications/nominations on the evidence of qualities and practices that distinguish the nominee as an outstanding academic advisor. Such evidence may include, but is not limited to:

- Interpersonal and human relations skills
- Professional practices/NACADA Core Competencies and values
- Documented professional success
- Documented professional development

Certificates of Merit: While one award will be awarded, regions may award a Certificate of Merit to one or two nominees/applicants based on evaluation scores. Certificate of Merit winners receive a certificate from the region and recognition at the Region Conference. Certificate of Merit winners do not receive event registration or travel reimbursement funds.

Recipient receives:

\$500 Professional Development stipend for the purpose of funding the following:

- NACADA Region Conference early registration fee
- One-year NACADA membership renewal
- The remaining stipend funds are provided to the recipient via reimbursement to be used towards travel, lodging, and/or other approved costs associated with attending the Region Conference.

An award plaque with framed certificate of recognition

Recognition at the Region Conference Awards and Scholarships recognition program

Number of awards/scholarships available:

1 Award for each Excellence in Advising category.

Application materials required (all documents must be uploaded in PDF format, including letters):

Submit materials via the NACADA Awards online nomination system including the following documents, uploaded in PDF form:

Nomination/Application Letter: This letter should summarize the nominee/applicant's qualifications and why the individual is being nominated for the award. This document should provide evidence and specific examples that demonstrate excellent performance. This document should also incorporate a personal philosophy statement regarding the nominee/applicant's approach to advising and/or advising administration. Examples of any NACADA professional development activities the nominee/applicant has participated in are valuable. All pertinent information should be listed in the letter; links to websites, etc. will not be accepted. The letter SHOULD NOT exceed three pages, single spaced.

Letters of Support: Include two letters of support. These letters may come from colleagues, employees, supervisors, or students - anyone who might augment the selection committee's understanding of the nominee. Letters SHOULD NOT exceed two pages, single spaced.

Current Resume or Curriculum Vita: Please limit entries to material that pertains directly to academic advising, presenting relevant information from the nominee/applicant's overall resume/vita. Please include the nominee/applicant's current job with either a position description or a list of job responsibilities. All pertinent information should be listed in the resume; links to websites, etc. will not be accepted.

Expectations of Award/Scholarship winner:

It is ideal if the nominee/applicant has the support of their office/department/college/institution in attending the Region Conference as the recipient will be recognized and presented their award during the Region Conference Awards and Scholarships Ceremony. Recipients may be asked by the region to provide a written testimonial of their conference/event experience including ways in which their career and/or education benefitted from receiving the NACADA Award/Scholarship.