Award/Scholarship Title: Region 3 Harriett Hurt Memorial Travel Scholarship

Award/Scholarship Description: The Harriett Hurt Memorial Travel Scholarship is presented to a Region 3 NACADA member for volunteer service to Region 3 and NACADA. The Travel Scholarship is dedicated to Harriett in memory of her dedication to NACADA and her legacy of leadership in Region 3.

Harriett Hurt was a role model and inspiration to many. Harriett graduated from Greenville High School (SC) in 1962 and went directly to work. Over the next 35 years she had a colorful life as a singer. Harriett traveled, sang in a band, got married and raised a son. After the tragic death of her son during a robbery, Harriett went to work in a doughnut shop in Columbia, SC. It was during this time that Harriett befriended a customer who was also a USC professor. This professor saw something great in Harriett and kept encouraging her to attend college. Eventually she applied to USC as a 40-year-old freshman where she completed a BA in English and graduated with Honors. Harriett then earned a Masters in English and was hired to work at USC in Adult Student Services. Harriett found her life’s calling. Over the years Harriett counseled, encouraged, and sometimes pushed when necessary, many adult students to complete their degrees. She also had an impact on hundreds of traditional aged students by teaching Univ 101 and American Lit for many years. Harriett was a recipient of the USC Ada B. Thomas Staff Academic Advisor Award. She was involved in NACADA as Region 3 Steering Committee Member, South Carolina State Rep, and Region 3 Conference Planning Committee.

Harriett was dedicated to NACADA and often traveled to conferences at her own expense. Harriett passed away unexpectedly in 2014. Her loss was a blow to both USC and the Region 3 families. This award is meant to keep her spirit alive for future Region 3 members.

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:
- Nominee/applicant must be a current member of NACADA at the time of application.
- Nominee/applicant must have a history of involvement and membership in NACADA, as well as have a financial need of support to travel to and attend the NACADA Region 3 conference not met through their institution.
- 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

Award recipient receives:
- $300 travel reimbursement for approved travel expenses
- An award certificate of recognition
- Recognition at the Region Conference Awards and Scholarships recognition program

Number of awards/scholarships available:
Up to 5 scholarships per Region.

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 the nominee’s commitment and advocacy in the field of academic advising, to Region 3, and to NACADA. This document should explain what the nominee hopes to gain by attending the event. 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. The letter SHOULD NOT exceed three pages, single spaced.

Letters of Support: Include up to 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.

Financial statement of need/budget: Please briefly describe how receiving this scholarship would impact the ability to attend the NACADA event. Please include a brief budget outline of the plans to attend the NACADA event. This document SHOULD NOT exceed one page, single spaced.
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 the ways in which their career and/or education benefitted from receiving the NACADA Award/Scholarship.