Award/Scholarship Title: Region 4 Conference Graduate Student Scholarship

Award/Scholarship Description: This scholarship recognizes graduate students pursuing new or continued careers in the field of academic advising and are seeking to become involved or further involved in NACADA Region 4 including attending the Region 4 Conference.

These one-time awards/scholarships are non-transferrable to another person or activity/event. Individuals may nominate themselves. A person may not apply/be nominated for more than one Excellence in Advising Award category per year. Additionally, a person may not apply/be nominated for both an Excellence in Advising Award and a Service to the Region Award and/or a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advising Champion Award the same 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 student member of NACADA at the time of application.
- Student nominees must be currently enrolled (at least 6 credits) in either a masters or doctoral program and must be involved in some aspect of academic advising on their campuses.
- Nominee/applicant may apply only in their own region.

Recipient receives:
- NACADA Region Conference early, student registration fee
- Recognition at the Region Conference Awards and Scholarships recognition program

Number of awards/scholarships available:
Up to 2 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 interest in attending the NACADA event, including detailing what the nominee hopes to gain by participating.
- Describe how attending the event will encourage the nominee to become more involved in NACADA and similar professional activities.
- Outline how the nominee/applicant plans to apply and share their newfound knowledge and experiences with their institution and region.
- Incorporate a personal philosophy statement regarding the nominee/applicant’s approach to advising and how attending the event would influence any professional goals.
- Including specific examples of any NACADA professional development activities the nominee/applicant has participated in are valuable.
- The letter SHOULD NOT exceed three pages, single spaced.

Letter of Support: Include one letter of support. 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.

Copy of current proof of enrollment for at least 6 credit hours.

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, including which parties are responsible for funding. This document SHOULD NOT exceed one page, single spaced.

Selection rubric provided at the end of this document.

Expectations of Award/Scholarship winner:
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.
Region Awards
Region 4 Conference Graduate Student Scholarship Scoring Rubric

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Award Criteria
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**Required Documentation:**
1. Nomination Letter (should not exceed three pages, single spaced)
2. Letters of Support (should not exceed two pages, single spaced)
3. Current Resume or Curriculum Vita
4. Financial statement of need/budget (should not exceed one page, single spaced)

Incomplete nomination. Required documentation not included. **Application ineligible for further evaluation.**

Graduate Program, Career Goals, and NACADA Involvement:
1. Does the nominee clearly state the graduate program they are involved in and the relation to higher education and the field of academic advising?
2. Does the nominee clearly state their interest in attending the Region Conference including what they hope to gain from attending the conference?
3. Does the nominee speak to their interest in becoming involved or further involved in the region?

Nominee has no evidence supporting their graduate program participation and career goals nor their interest in the Region Conference and NACADA involvement.

Nominee has some evidence supporting their graduate program participation and career goals, as well as their interest in the Region Conference and NACADA involvement.

Nominee has compelling evidence supporting their graduate program participation and career goals, as well as their interest in the Region Conference and NACADA involvement. Commentary is broad and includes sweeping statements. No specific examples included.

Nominee has overwhelming evidence supporting their graduate program participation and career goals, as well as their interest in the Region Conference and NACADA involvement. Specific examples are included.

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