

## **Professional Development Grants**

The North Carolina School Counselor Association (NCSCA) is awarding professional development scholarships to counselors to attend professional educational opportunities to enhance knowledge and skills in the delivery of a comprehensive school counseling program in North Carolina elementary, middle, and high schools.

Our goal is to identify and disseminate best practices targeting school counseling by:

- providing a forum for leadership, advocacy, collaboration & systemic change
- focusing on exemplary counseling skills
- modeling effective school counseling strategies
- demonstrating applications of emerging school counseling practice

Allowable expenses include registration costs and workshop materials. Travel and lodging may be an allowable expense, depending on the total amount requested. Food, phone, & mileage are not allowable expenses. The quality of the application and demonstrated impact on the counseling program will determine the size of the grant. There is a maximum amount available of \$375.00 to be awarded to a sole winner or combination of winner(s) depending on the requested amounts and quality of applications.

Proposals will be closed for review on **September 30<sup>th</sup> Spring semester funding.**

Proposals will be reviewed by the NCSCA Professional Development Committee.

The recipient will be notified 4-6 weeks of receipt of proposal and then funding will be distributed for use thereafter.

## **Consent to Release:**

Acceptance of NCSCA Grant constitutes permission to use winner's name, city, state, and winning entry for promotional purposes. Contest entry constitutes permission to use winning submissions on NCSCA website and social media without further compensation. Furthermore, entry constitutes permission to archive your winning entries indefinitely on any webpage on the NCSCA website.

## **PD Grant Requirements**

- Applicant must be a current member of NCSCA and a NC School Counselor
- Recipient must show an evaluation process and detailed budget using the Application Questions and Attachments
- Recipient must demonstrate the impact on his or her school counseling program
- Recipient must agree to write an article for NCSCA Newsletter, present session at NCSCA conference, drive-in workshop, or Summer Academy, or present to the NCSCA board; whichever is most appropriate decided by the board and recipient.

## **How will the applications be scored?**

NCSCA will set a minimum qualifying score. Funded proposals must meet or exceed this score. Review will be based on specific criteria listed in this application and scored using a scoring guide. Consideration will be given to provide equitable distribution of

awards across geographic regions of the state. Awards will be based on the quality of the application.

NCSCA may require revision of grant proposals and budget prior to approval, award, or release of funds. Decisions on funding and awarding of grants shall be final. Funding may be partial. If funded and you do not meet the requirements, you will be asked to return the funds.