



Chi Sigma Iota

Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society

Beta Chapter University of Florida



2010 Conference Grant Guidelines

Professional service and participation at professional conferences are highly encouraged for counseling professionals; they offer many benefits including educational sessions, networking, job vacancies and a variety of counseling resources.

During the spring 2010 semester, Chi Sigma Iota Beta Chapter is pleased to offer funds to support participation in an ACA or an ACA-related conference (includes all divisions, affiliates, and branches, as well as ASCA, AMCHA, and IAMFC). These funds will reimburse the conference registration fee up to a maximum amount of \$200 for a national conference and \$100 for state or regional conferences.

One national conference grant and one state/regional grant will be awarded on or before March 1, 2010. The application deadline for both grants is February 24, 2010. Funds must be applied to conferences held within one year after the award is granted. A paid receipt must be presented for reimbursement.

General Requirements

To be eligible, applicants must attend an ACA-related conference (as defined above) but not eligible for other conference funding (i.e., Graduate Student Council, the Department, etc... through a conference presentation).

Applicants must be current students in good standing with the Counselor Education program and an active member of CSI Beta Chapter (annual dues paid or lifetime member).

Those awarded the Conference Grant are expected to share their conference experiences with other CSI and department members in the *CSI Beta Bulletin* newsletter and at the CSI general membership meeting or other agreed upon venue subsequent to the conference.

Selection Committee

At least two active members from the CSI Beta Chapter, who are not applying for the grant at the time they are serving on the selection committee, will review the submitted applications for the general requirements and select a grant recipient. Preference will be given to first-time conference participants and the committee will attempt to select one doctoral and one masters-level student based on the applications submitted.

The committee will present their decision to the CSI Faculty Advisor who will audit this decision to ensure procedural consistency. All applicants will receive notification via email whether their application is approved or denied.

Other Funding Sources

Many conferences give substantial discounts or complete relief from registration fees for students who volunteer. This is also a great way to network and learn about the conference behind-the-scenes. Contact the conference volunteer coordinator to find out more. You are also encouraged to seek additional aid through other funding sources including:

- Graduate Student Council (GSC) Travel Grants (<http://grove.ufl.edu/~gsc/aboutTravelGrant.html>)
- UF Graduate School (<http://gradschool.rgp.ufl.edu/students/financial-aid.html>)



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Conference Grant Application

Fill out the application completely and attach your statement of desired impact and the conference announcement (this can be printed off the conference website). Announcements must include the full conference name, dates, and location. Submit this application and supporting documents by the deadline to the CSI Awards Committee at awards@csi-beta.org or place your package in the CSI Beta mailbox in the Counselor Education main office.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First & Last Name _____ Student Status: _____ MEd/EdS _____ Ph.D

E-mail Address _____ Phone Number _____

CSI Membership ID # _____ (You must be an active CSI Beta Chapter member to qualify for this award.)

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

ACA-Related Conference: _____

Location & Date: _____

Amount of Conference Registration Fee: _____

Is this your first ACA-related state or regional conference? _____ Yes _____ No

Is this your first ACA-related national conference? _____ Yes _____ No

STATEMENT OF DESIRED IMPACT

In 500 words or less, please describe how you believe attending this conference will impact you, your professional development, the Counselor Education program, and/or Chi Sigma Iota. This is the primary tool for the selection committee to make their decision. Please address all key points and attach this typed statement to your application.

CONFERENCE GRANT AGREEMENT

Conference grants are a 2-step process. Filling out this application is the first step. You will be notified via email if your application is approved or denied. If approved, you must submit your paid conference registration receipt to receive reimbursement.

By signing this application, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to the terms of this application and the grant guidelines on the preceding page and that you are not eligible to receive other funding through the University of Florida to support your participation in the conference for which you are applying.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date: _____