**Middle Atlantic Career Counseling Association (MACCA)**

 **Graduate Student Professional Development Grant**

**Purpose of Grant**: To provide a current graduate student with the opportunity (through a financial stipend) to attend an outstanding regional career counseling conference.

**Frequency of Grant**: Every other year dependent on funding (2018, 2020, 2022). Applications are generally due by the end of October or beginning of November.

**What the grant covers**: The recipient of the award will receive up to $250 to be used towards documented conference expenses (Registration fee, hotel, etc.). Receipts must be provided to obtain funds.

**Student responsibility:**

MACCA would like to ensure the recipient has a chance to network and meet new people as well as share his/her perspective with the membership. Thus, the awardee is expected to …

* Volunteer for a minimum of two hours during the conference.
* Write an article about their experience for MACCA’s eInteract Newsletter after attending the conference.
* Pay for any additional expenses that are not covered by the amount of the award.

**Eligibility:**

* The student must be actively enrolled in a graduate program at an accredited institution in one of the following areas: counseling, student personnel, human resources management, or other closely related field AND have a strong interest in the areas of career/employment counseling.

**Academic and Personal Merit:**

* The student must be in good academic standing at his/her college/university.
* The student must submit college/university transcripts (can be unofficial).
* The applicant must be recommended by two or more persons of the following status:
	+ Faculty member(s) at the student's current college or university program;
	+ Colleague(s) (at least one supervisor) at the applicant's current place of employment for persons returning to school after being in the workforce.

**Prior Funding:**

* A graduate student may only receive this grant once.

**Application for the**

**MACCA Graduate Student Professional Development Grant**

**Application Deadline: October 26, 2018**

**Applicant Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Current Occupation/Status \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Information**

Please list the name and address of the educational institution you are currently attending:

Title of Current Graduate Program \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of credit hours completed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number of credit hours taking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Essay**

Please write a 500 word essay on **one (1)** of the following topics.

* 1. Why do you want to go into the field of Career Counseling?
	2. In what ways do you see yourself contributing to the Career Counseling profession?
	3. What are your career goals for the next 3-5 years?

**Ethical Statement**

I, the undersigned, certify that the information provided by me on this application is complete and accurate.

Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**MACCA Graduate Student Professional Development Grant**

**Application Checklist:**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Application Form

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Graduate transcript showing courses currently taking

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Essay of 500 words

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2 Letters of Recommendation

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signed Ethical Statement

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Résumé/Curriculum Vitae

**There are two ways to send the application materials**:

1. Electronically to Jaime Dunn: Email: jaime.dunn@sjc.edu

Fax: 410-626-2885

1. Mail: Jaime Dunn, Director of Career Services

St. John’s College

60 College Ave

Annapolis, MD 21401

**All documents must be submitted at the time of application for you to be considered.**

**Application Deadline: Friday, October 26, 2018**