



VACRAO'S Annual Professional Development Scholarship

Established in 2012, VACRAO's Professional Development Scholarship offers financial support to VACRAO members for two professional scholarships to be given annually. One individual member (applicant) will be selected to attend (a) SACRAO, and one individual member (applicant) will be selected to attend (b) AACARO, allowing VACRAO members greater exposure to regional and national conferences, as well as, significant opportunity for professional development. By providing this opportunity to its membership, VACRAO also hopes to foster a stronger leadership presence within VACRAO's executive committee and associated governance roles.

Upon returning from the selected conference, VACRAO will encourage the scholarship award winner to bring forth a session idea/presentation for VACRAO's annual conference, allowing our membership to be more aware of pertinent issues that exist both regionally, as well as, nationally.

Eligibility- The eligibility requirements include:

- The applicant must be employed by an institution who holds a current VACRAO membership
- The applicant must be a current full-time employee with their fellow institution in either the Admissions or Registrar's Office.
- Applicant has been employed in their respective office for at least 1 year.
- Applicants who meet all requirements are eligible to apply for the scholarship & must adhere to the scholarship application deadline.
- Awards will not exceed \$1500.00
- Scholarship amounts are to be used for the following: registration fees, travel and or lodging reimbursements

Application Process:

To apply for the 2014 Annual Professional Development Scholarship, complete and submit the application and essay as outlined below:

Step 1– Complete and submit the Application postmarked by May 1, 2013

Step 2– With the application submit a personal statement explaining the value of professional development to your profession, as well as, plans to correspond your conference experience to the VACRAO membership.

Step 3– Applications will be reviewed by the Executive committee at the June/July quarterly meeting, and winners will be notified by August 1, 2013. Selected applicants will also be highlighted in VACRAO's fall newsletter, as well as, announced at the annual meeting.

Step 4– Selected applicants will then work with the Past President to register for their selected conference and seek reimbursement for registration fees, travel and or lodging.

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Application Form**

Name _____ Title _____

Institution _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Work() _____

Email Address: _____

Years in Profession: _____

Scholarship Applying for (check one):

- SACRAO conference AACRAO conference

Please describe your current job responsibilities:

Please describe your greatest professional accomplishment:

Please describe any previous involvement with VACRAO:

Please describe any additional professional activities in which you are involved:
