



2024 GLOBAL AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Award/Scholarship Title: Christy Carlson Memorial Fund Scholarship

Due Date: May 31, 2024 – 11:59 p.m. central time

Award/Scholarship Description: Presented to academic advisors and graduate-level advising students, this scholarship provides those selected with an opportunity to experience the [NACADA's Annual Conference](#) in order to enhance their future leadership potential in NACADA. The scholarship awards up to two individuals with \$1,500 to cover the cost of registration and travel expenses for [Annual Conference](#) and one-year membership in NACADA. The provision of this type of support upholds one of the primary goals of the Association, which is to offer comprehensive professional development opportunities.



Christy Carlson –

This scholarship is made possible by the Christy Carlson Memorial Scholarship Fund that celebrates her amazing life and legacy. Christy was an active NACADA member in Region 5 at Trent University in Canada and recently authored the book chapter **Queer Theory and Academic Advising in Advising Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer College Students**. She fostered a broader understanding of the need for rigor, inclusion, and a view of academic advising as a potentially transformative experience to empower students and help them find their purpose in life.

These one-time awards/scholarships are non-transferrable to another person or activity/event. Individuals may nominate themselves. Current NACADA Board members, NACADA Council members, Administrative

Division Chairs, Region Chairs, Advising Community Chairs, Advising Community Cluster Reps, 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. Because we believe there is considerable strength in diversity, the selection committee strongly encourages applications from groups under-represented in the Association and its leadership.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The Christy Carlson Memorial Scholarship is open to academic advisors and graduate-level advising students to help fund attendance at the NACADA Annual Conference. Preference will be given to those who would not be able to attend the conference otherwise because of costs, and to those who have demonstrated a serious commitment to academic advising.

Award Recipient receives and number of awards/scholarships available:

Two \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to attend the **Annual Conference**. Each scholarship includes the conference registration fee, a one-year membership in NACADA, and travel expenses. Applications must be received by **deadline above** to be considered.

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 Letters:

1. Completed application in the [Nomination Submission Portal](#).
2. A one-page document uploaded with the application nomination: Please respond to the following questions:
 - a. Question 1: Why are you applying for this scholarship? How would winning it allow you to attend the 2023 NACADA Annual Conference?
 - b. Question 2: Christy Carlson knew that good academic advising was a transformative experience for students. How would attending the Annual
3. Conference impact you and your advising with students? > The response to both questions should be no longer than one page in total.

****Nominations must include only original documentation *prepared specifically for the NACADA Global Awards Program*. Materials intended for other award programs will not be considered.**

Selection Process:

Nomination packets are reviewed by global awards volunteer readers who, at the time of the review period, read and score the nominations in this category. The Chair of the Global Awards Scholarship Committee makes the final award selections based on the reviews completed by the volunteer readers.

Expectations of Award/Scholarship winner:

It is ideal if the nominee/applicant has the support of their office/department/college/institution in attending the annual conference as the recipient will be recognized and presented their award during the Annual Conference Global Awards and Scholarships Ceremony. Recipients may be asked by NACADA to provide a written testimonial of their conference/event experience including ways in which their career and/or education benefitted from receiving the NACADA Award/Scholarship. To thank the donors, we ask that you consider writing a personal note, letter, or sending a video to the Carlson Family for their support.

If you are chosen as a recipient, part of your responsibility will be to document your experiences and reflect upon them so that we may promote the benefits of attendance to others. You may opt to document and reflect on your experience in the following ways:

- Via social media using the Annual Conference hashtag.
- Create a blog post for the [NACADA blog](#).
- Write an article for possible publication by [Academic Advising Today](#).
- Craft a digital story of some type with photos/slides from your conference experiences.
- Should you have a unique idea related to reporting on your scholarship participation, propose it to Executive Office Liaison to the Global Awards Committee for approval.

