

Dear Nassau Counselors' Association Members,

Finding alternative ways to serve your students and school community has been challenging.

Let's honor those who have taken the lead

DO YOU KNOW A COLLEAGUE WHO IS DOING SOMETHING EXCITING?

If you know someone who is a hero, someone who is facilitating an innovative program, nominate them for our Exemplary Practice Guidance Award or Mini-Grant Award

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE GUIDANCE AWARD:

Designed to recognize a noteworthy accomplishment of a counseling staff in Nassau County Schools. The implemented idea must be innovative, specific, currently in practice and easily adaptable to other schools. A detailed description of the practice and any supporting materials must be submitted. Any questions about the guidelines can be directed to the Chair by sending an email to <u>Seeta.Ramprasad@ncc.edu</u>

An observation visit to the program by an Exemplary Practice Guidance committee member will be conducted, if deemed necessary.

MINI-GRANT AWARDS:

Designed to award grant money to worthy counseling programs that show time, training, and materials needed for the successful initiation, completion, and replication. The purposes of this program are to encourage the implementation and expansion of innovative counseling programs or projects; promote the positive image of school counselors and admission counselors through public relations and new ideas and to put available funds to use professionally. If your program is selected, you can receive up to \$500 in grant money. A detailed description of the practice and any supporting materials must be submitted. Any questions about the guidelines can be directed to the Chair by sending an email to Seeta.Ramprasad@ncc.edu

Winners for each award are encouraged to present their programs at the 2023 Long Island Counselors' Annual Conference (LICAC).

If you have any questions about the awards and criteria, please contact the Chair, Seeta Ramprasad.

Look forward to hearing from you!

Seeta Ramprasad Exemplary Practice Guidance Award and Mini-Grant Award, Chair

Counselor/Associate Professor Nassau Community College Student Personnel Services Dept. Center for Students with Disabilities <u>Seeta.Ramprasad@ncc.edu</u>

> The link to the Google Form to submit your nomination is listed on page 2. (The Exemplary Practice Guidance Award and Mini-Grant Award)

For other NCA awards, scholarships, and online applications visit:

https://www.nassaucounselors.org/scholarships-awards/



Exemplary Practice Guidance Award and Mini-Grant Award

Recommendation Letter from the Nominator

A letter detailing the name of the nominee, nominee's email/phone number, position, school and program is required for both Exemplary Practice Guidance Award and Mini-Grant Award.

To expedite the selection process, we request recommendation forms and letters, evidence of program objective(s), budgetary needs (Mini-Grant), and (intended) outcomes.

Detailed Guidelines for Program Evidence

Name of Program Program Objectives/Mission The materials/supplies needed for the program

Provide a brief response to the following questions:

- a. What population does the program serve? The number of students served? IE: grade, age, gender-specific, special needs or mainstream, etc.
- b. What data did you use to identify this population?IE: empirical: high population of students on free lunch?Or was it subjective? For example, several of your colleagues saw this need.
- c. If this is a program already initiated, share some past accomplishments/outcomes.
- d. If the program just started, what are the anticipated outcomes and how will they be measured?
- e. What is the frequency and duration of the program?
- f. Who are the staff and how many are involved?
- g. If you are applying for the Mini-Grant, how would you allocate the funds you might receive?

Submit your nomination(s) via <u>Google Form</u>. (<u>https://forms.gle/2eyeeMjCAVLd4gtS7</u>)

Thank you for nominating a colleague and participating in NCA.

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