Professional Learning for Teacher Candidates

HAPPY Hour Student Showcase Scholarship

HAPPY Hour is dedicated to the professional development of UCF’s teacher candidates. The HAPPY Hour Student Showcase Scholarship makes it possible for HAPPY Hour Student Showcase presenters to progress to the next level of professional development – attending a professional conference in the field of education. Two HAPPY Hour Student Showcase presenters who demonstrate a high level of commitment to professional development in education will each receive a scholarship to attend a state educational professional conference of their choice. The scholarship will cover conference registration and lodging up to $500.

Eligibility Criteria:
To be eligible for this award, the applicant must:
- present at the 2016 HAPPY Hour Student Showcase
- have an overall grade-point average of 3.2 or higher
- be committed to teaching as a full-time career
- be committed to professional development in the field of education
- be able to stay through the Closing Session of the Showcase, when the scholarship will be awarded

Scholarship Application:
Part I
General Information Form
Please complete the General Information Form in its entirety.

Part II
Applicant’s Commitment to Professional Development in the Field of Education
Please explain what professional development means to you. Please describe interests, activities, awards, professional organization affiliations, offices held, and attendance at professional development events that have contributed to your commitment to professional development in education. Your description may not exceed 200 words.

Part III
Please explain your main reason for wanting to attend a professional conference and how you anticipate this experience will enhance your career choice as a teacher. Your explanation may not exceed 100 words.

Guidelines for Application
1. This application form must be completed following all of the guidelines.
2. All responses must reflect the applicant’s best writing skills, be typed and double-spaced, and conform to the word limitations indicated.
3. Parts II and III must be identified with applicant’s student ID only. Do not identify yourself by name.
4. Each applicant must provide 3 hard copies of the complete application packet, which includes:
   - Part I
   - Part II
   - Part III
   - Professional resume
   - Your most current audit
   - A letter of recommendation from a College of Education faculty member
   - Another letter of recommendation. This letter can be from another UCF faculty member, a teacher, administrator, or professional organization member who can vouch for your commitment to professional development.
HAPPY Hour Student Showcase
The HAPPY Hour Student Showcase Scholarship will be awarded at the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase. The HAPPY Hour Student Showcase will be held in the Teaching Academy and Education Complex Building at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 30, 2016. HAPPY Hour Student Showcase information can be found at the HAPPY Hour website at http://education.ucf.edu/happyhour

The application packet must be received by Tuesday, January 19, 2016 no later than 5 PM.

Submit the application in HARD COPY FORMAT to:

Dr. Lee-Anne T. Spalding  
Chair, Scholarship Committee  
School of Teaching, Learning & Leadership  
College of Education and Human Performance  
P.O. Box 161250  
Orlando, Florida 32816  
Office number: ED 315-C  
Email address: spalding@ucf.edu

State Professional Conferences (This list of state conferences is not all inclusive.)

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For conference information, look for “Conference,” “Annual Meeting,” etc. on the professional organization’s webpage. At that link, you should find all of the information you need about conference dates, registration fee and deadline, conference location, hotel accommodations, etc.
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Part I
General Information

Name _______________________________ Student ID _______________________________

Current address ______________________________________________________________________

City __________________________________ State ____________ Zip ________________

Present Phone (__________) ____________________________________________________________

Cell phone (_________) ________________________________________________________________

Email address ________________________________________________________________

Teaching major: ______________________________________________________________________

Check the appropriate circle:  ○ Junior  ○ Senior  Expected date of graduation?
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If selected as a recipient of the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase Scholarship, I acknowledge that:

• I will attend a state professional conference of my choice within a year of receipt of the scholarships. HAPPY Hour faculty will provide me with any mentoring I need in selecting and registering for the conference.

• Once I attend the conference, I will write a reflection of the experience. I understand that my name, the name of the conference attended, and a quote from my reflection will be included in the conference program of the upcoming HAPPY Hour Student Showcase.

• I will submit a letter of appreciation to the donor of this scholarship.

• If I do not fulfill the above criteria, I will refund the scholarship funds IN FULL.

In adherence to the state of Florida’s Code of Ethics and Principles of Professional conduct, the recipients are expected to complete all of the aforementioned tasks in accordance with the following statement: Aware of the importance of maintaining the respect and confidence of one’s colleagues, of students, of parents, and of other members of the community, the educator strives to achieve and sustain the highest degree of ethical conduct. ~6B-1.001 Code of Ethics of the Education Profession in Florida

Signature ___________________________________________ Date _______________________
