We are pleased to announce that the North Dakota Counseling Association Scholarship Program is available for the 2017 - 2018 school year. This program has been designed to assist individuals in completing their master's degree in counseling or other Human Development Programs.

To be eligible for the NDCA Scholarship Program students must meet the following criteria:

* Be enrolled or enrolling in a graduate program in Counseling or other Human Development program (i.e. - school counseling, social work, mental health counseling, college personnel);  
* Be a full-time student enrolled in at least six semester hours of credit applicable toward the counseling or human development degree. Internships are considered full-time; and  
* Attend an accredited Counseling or Human Development Program at one of the following universities: North Dakota State University, University of Mary, University of North Dakota, Minnesota State University – Moorhead, or Northern State University - Aberdeen.

Your complete application packet must be postmarked by November 8, 2017.

Recipients of the NDCA Scholarship will be informed in writing in late-December.

A $1000 scholarship will be made available to one qualifying student for the 2017 - 2018 school year. If you are selected as the recipient, a check for $1000 will be forwarded to your program advisor and made out jointly in your name and the college's name. Upon endorsement by both parties, the award will be credited to your account.

Please include copies (official or unofficial) of graduate and undergraduate student transcripts with your application.
Please have your program advisor attach a letter of recommendation to this application packet. Your program advisor must also include in this letter information verifying the graduate program in which you are enrolled and that you will be or are registered for at least six semester hours or for an internship.

Are you a citizen of the US?  Yes_____ No_____  
If no, are you a legal resident? Yes_____ No_____  

Are you currently employed? Yes_____ No_____  
If yes, are you employed full-time or part-time?  
List name, address, and phone number of employer:  

Is your employer providing educational funding for you? Yes_____ No_____  
If yes, how much?  

If you are chosen as a recipient of this award, are you willing to attend the NDCA Awards Ceremony in February? Yes_____ No_____  

Please give a brief work history covering the past five years. (if necessary, attach a separate sheet to continue.)

Name of Employer Location Position From/To Reason for leaving  
________________________________________________________________________________________
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ESSAY SECTION  
In 250 words or less, explain why you feel a degree in guidance and counseling or a related Human Development area is important and how your life will change once you receive your degree. (Attach a separate sheet(s) with your response. Please type.)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
(Please note that financial need will be taken into consideration, however, the scholarship will not be awarded solely on a financial need basis.)

How much household income do you anticipate earning in 2017?  
Do you receive income from other sources? (e.g. social security, veteran's benefits, child support) Yes_____ No_____  
If yes, please list and include dollar amounts:
________________________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________
Do you have any dependents other than spouse and children living in your household? Yes_____ No_____  
If yes, please list their ages and relationship to you:
________________________________________________________________________________________

Signature_________________________________________         Date_________________________

AFTER COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE MAIL THE COMPLETE APPLICATION TO THE NDCA Graduate Scholarship Committee Chairperson:  
Melissa Mickelson, M.Ed.