**National Conference for College Women Student Leaders**

***Award Information 2016***

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) is an opportunity for college women to make their future what they want. As America’s premier conference for college women, this three day event provides a transformative experience for attendees and prepares them to be the next generation of leaders. Each attendee becomes a part of the 30-year legacy of this important program.

#### Join [AAUW](http://aauw.org/) and [NASPA](http://www.naspa.org/) as they host nearly 1,000 college women from every state and from around the world, from June 2-4, 2016, at the University of Maryland, College Park.

At this two and a half day conference, students will:

* Choose from more than 50 workshops that prepare them for life during and after college.
* Meet incredible role models including Women of Distinction awardees and speakers.
* Make connections for life.
* Discover their future from more than 100 graduate schools and employers.
* Gain the confidence and skills to return to their campuses and communities ready to take action.

Since this conference is held on the campus of the University of Maryland, College Park located just eight miles from Washington, D. C., there will also be opportunities during the conference to visit local sights and attractions. You can visit the [NCCWSL](http://www.nccwsl.org/) website for additional information.

**Eligibility:** Any Buena Vista University female student who is in her first, second, or third year of attendance and who has a minimum of 2 semesters remaining on the Storm Lake campus is eligible to apply. The student must be in good social standing, have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0, have demonstrated successful leadership in at least one way, and show great leadership potential documented through her references.

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**Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.**



The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation’s leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

**Funding Details**

Funding for attendance at this conference is being provided by AAUW Storm Lake, AAUW at BVU, and the Gender and Women’s Studies Program at Buena Vista University. Three students will be selected to receive this funding (maximum of $800) which will cover:

* **Conference registration ($425), including:**
  + Programming: opening session, networking sessions, the Women of Distinction Awards ceremony and reception, a game night, keynote speakers, the graduate school fair and career fair with exhibitors, workshops, a Friday night out in Washington, D.C., and the closing session.
  + Meals – lunch and dinner on Thursday, June 2, breakfast and lunch on Friday, June 3, and breakfast on Saturday, June 4.
  + Transportation – NCCWSL provides free bus transportation Friday night (7 p.m.–midnight) for attendees to visit Washington, D.C., and free buses Saturday after the conference to and from the Greenbelt Metro station (noon–5 p.m.).
  + Housing – Housing for two nights (Thursday, June 2 and Friday, June 3).
* **Flights to and from Washington D.C. (maximum of $375):**
  + Standard arrival should be before 2pm on Thursday, June 2 and departure should be in the afternoon/evening on Saturday, June 4.
  + Any savings on flights may be used towards additional expenses.

Additional expenses (covered by the student):

* Shuttle between the airport and the University of Maryland, College Park.
* Dinner on Friday night.
* Optional: Souvenirs or activities during Friday Night in D.C.
* Optional: Housing for additional nights. Housing on Wednesday, June 1, before the conference, and Saturday, June 4, after the conference, will be available for an additional $60 per night.
* Optional: Pre-conference activities will be available on the morning of Thursday, June 2. All attendees can register for any one pre-conference activity for an additional $30. If you would like to attend a pre-conference activity on Thursday morning, you will also need to consider adding an additional night (Wednesday) to your registration.

**How to Apply**To apply for this funding, the following materials are required:

1. **Completed application form delivered to Jennifer McNabb (Box #2019 or DE 210).**
2. **A personal statement delivered to Jennifer McNabb (Box #2019 or DE 210)**. Statement should be 500-1000 words explaining the applicant’s reasons for wanting to attend the conference, the goals she hopes to achieve by attending, and the specific ways she will share what she has learned with the BVU and/or Storm Lake community. Applicants should consider including information about her interest in a specific issue related to women and/or leadership which she finds important and relevant to her conference attendance. The scholarship recipient will be expected to provide an oral presentation regarding her experience at NCCWSL during the Fall 2016 semester.
3. **Two recommendations submitted directly to Jennifer McNabb (Box #2019, DE 210, or via email at** [**mcnabb2@bvu.edu**](mailto:mcnabb2@bvu.edu)**).** Recommendations should be from non-familial persons able to evaluate the applicant’s leadership potential using the provided recommendation form.

***All materials must be received by February 29th, 2016 at noon for the applicant to be considered.***

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***Funding Application 2016***

**Instructions:** Print and complete this application. Attach your personal statement and deliver to Jennifer McNabb (Box #2019 or DE 210) no later than Monday, February 29th, 2016at noon.

**Personal Information**

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Current Year of College (circle one): 1st 2nd 3rd

*(Note: eligible students must have a minimum of one year remaining on campus after their conference attendance).*

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Are you pursuing a minor in Gender and Women’s Studies? Yes  No

Extra-Curricular Activities: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Medical Release**

Because the conference is quite demanding, we believe that only those students who are in good physical and mental health should plan to participate. For that reason, we ask that the student (or her parent/guardian if she is under the age of 18) carefully read, then sign and date the following certification.

I certify that I am in good physical and mental health and that I do not suffer from any special conditions which would prevent me from successfully taking part in this intensive leadership conference.

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Name (Printed) Student/Parent Signature Date

**Disciplinary Status**

As of the date of my signature, this student has not and does not have any disciplinary action taken via procedures outlined in the Student Handbook.

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Associate Dean of Students Signature Date