In order to be considered, application submittals must be received by 5:00pm, Wednesday, January 10, 2018. Applications should be submitted electronically to Jennifer Nelson at jrnelson@uga.edu. A confirmation email will be sent confirming the receipt of the application. Applications received after this time will not be considered.
Georgia Certified Economic Developer
Professional Development Scholarship Program
Application Form

Instructions & Requirements

- Scholarship funds will be used towards course registration costs.
- The recipient is responsible for meeting registration requirements and deadlines.
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- Applications should be submitted electronically to Jennifer Nelson at jrnelson@uga.edu. A confirmation email will be sent acknowledging receipt of the application.
- Applications will be reviewed on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Applicants will then be notified of the results.
- Applications will be evaluated on the following: strength of the applicant’s ability to demonstrate benefit, personally and to the community, commitment to course completion in 2018 and 2019, ability to pay travel costs (including hotel, mileage and food), and letter of recommendation.
- Applications must also include a letter of recommendation.
- Applicants must be able to start February 6 & 7, 2018 with the Economic Development Landscape, complete the two additional core classes, Finance & Deal Structuring (March 8, 2018) and Workforce Development (October 25, 2018), in 2018 and at least half (12 hours) of their elective hours (24 hours total) in 2018. The two additional core classes and remaining elective hours must be completed in 2019. The three core courses in 2018 will be held at The Georgia Center in Athens, Georgia.
- If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Nelson with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at 706.201.6095 or jrnelson@uga.edu

I. Contact Information

Name ________________________________________________________________

Title ________________________________________________________________

Organization ________________________________________________________

Mailing Address _____________________________________________________

Email ______________________________________________________________

Office Phone ___________________________ Mobile Phone ____________________

GEDA Member? If so, how long? ________________________________________
II. Education & Experience
How long have you been in economic development?

Have you completed any economic development training programs?

Describe your previous work experience.

III. Financial Need
Why is it necessary for you to apply for a professional development scholarship?

The professional development scholarship covers course registration fees. Will you be able to assume responsibility for all travel costs including hotel, mileage and food? Who will pay the travel costs?

IV. Attachment A - Describe how the GCED Professional Development Scholarship will benefit you and your community. Maximum length – one page.

V. Attachment B - Letter of Recommendation
VI. 2018 GCED Courses

Applicants must be able to start February 6 & 7, 2018 with the Economic Development Landscape, complete the two additional core classes, Finance & Deal Structuring and Workforce Development, in 2018 and at least half (12 hours) of their elective hours (24 hours total) in 2018. The two additional core classes and remaining elective hours must be completed in 2019.

Please check the following courses you will register for in 2018.

- Economic Development Landscape – core course 12 hours
  February 6 & 7, Athens

- Finance & Deal Structuring – core course 6 hours
  March 8, Athens

- Redevelopment & Revitalization Strategies – elective course 6 hours
  June 12, Rome

- Creative Economies – elective course 6 hours
  July 26, Macon

- Collaborative Leadership – elective course 3 hours
  August 16, Athens

- Creative Problem Solving – elective course 3 hours
  August 16, Athens

- Retail & Downtown Development – elective course 6 hours
  September 13, Newnan

- Workforce Development – core course 6 hours
  October 25, Athens

- Principles of Leadership – elective course 3 hours
  November 6, Athens

- Motivation – elective course 3 hours
  November 6, Athens

For more information on the GCED program, visit our website at http://www.cviog.uga.edu/gced