

**Florida School Counselors**

The Florida School Counselor Association (FSCA) recognizes that professional development for every school counselor is critical to deliver relevant and current professional, legal, and ethical best practices for each Prek-12th grade student in Florida. The Association also recognizes the challenges posed for school counselors to be out of their building. With these points in mind, the schedule and program for the Annual FSCA Convention has three goals; 1) provide effective and high-quality professional development; 2) offer this professional development at the lowest cost possible; and, 3) minimize absence from school, as well as to have a minimum of intrusion on weekend time.

To support your efforts for approval to attend the Convention, FSCA provides this letter of request for you to share if you wish, with your building principal or supervisor. We suggest you may want to copy pertinent pages to attach to your letter from the convention page, found at this link. <https://fscaconvention.org/>

The FSCA Convention Committee, despite an increase in costs this year for hotel, food, and technology, was particularly focused on keeping registration costs at the lowest possibly for members. The price of registration can’t be beat for the amount of professional development, networking, food, and fun.

If you are looking to earn CEUs or In-Service points, CEUs will be available for:

* Florida Board of Clinical Licensed Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Clinical Mental Health Providers (free for FSCA members; $10 processing fee for FSCA non-members)

Participants should check with their school district’s certification office or in-service program to verify eligibility and procedures to earn school district in-service points for the 2025 Convention

FSCA Leaders look forward to meeting and talking with you at the Convention. In the meantime, if there is anything FSCA may do to support your work for your students, please do reach out to your Association at fsca@fla-schoolcounselor.org.

Dear <Supervisor’s Name>,

The 2025 Annual Florida School Counselor Association (FSCA) Convention is scheduled Thursday, November 13th to Saturday, November 15th. This is ***THE*** premier professional learning event in our state for school counseling and is important for me to attend because it will provide a wealth of opportunities to increase and update my knowledge and skills, which I can apply immediately to support student success at our school. CEUs are available and potential Professional Learning In-Service points may be possible. Additionally, networking and learning about current resources will increase services on how best to support our students and families.

The Convention begins Thursday evening, November 13th and concludes Saturday, November 15th at 11:30 am. The conference member fee is $196.00 ((as a FSCA member) if I register by October 13th; (after that time the registration increases to $236.00). The day and half of professional learning will provide me with:

* Attending five 75-minute sessions that will provide professional learning that addresses the FL DOE updates,
* Hear and meet with DOE Student Support Services personnel, hear the National School counselor of the Year, meet and talk with FSCA leaders, and school counselors in my school level,
* If applicable, attend a session on Thursday evening for 1st timers.
* Visit with 40 some exhibitors from across the country, offering programs and products to use at our school.
* Attend the Graduate Student Poster session on Thursday evening and learn what graduate students are finding in their research and evidence-based practices (and perhaps recruit to apply to our district).
* Celebrate the announcement and award to the 2025 Florida School Counselor of the Year as well as the other Awardees during the Friday Award’s luncheon.
* Meals provided Thursday evening heavy appetizers (enough for a dinner), two breakfasts each morning, and the Friday luncheon, plus snacks on Friday afternoon.
* Participate in a level sharing with other school counselors from around the state.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES:

Registration: $196.00 for member; $275 for non-member (Early Bird Rate)

Hotel (2 nights at ~~-~~ $159/night + taxes):

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Estimated Total:

My attendance at this event is a worthy investment on behalf of our students at <school name here>. Missing one day of school, in comparison to the contacts I make and the knowledge I gain will greatly support the academic, resiliency, and college and career education for each of our students.

Sincerely,

<Your Name here>