GCEA will award a number of grants, from a minimum of $500 to a maximum of $700, to educators who are members of the Association to assist them in participating in their first GCEA Annual Conference. The amount of the award will be determined by the distance the participant will have to travel to attend the annual conference.

The enclosed map details the five travel zones that will be used to determine the amount of the grant. Study the travel zone map carefully and record in the application in which zone you reside. The travel zones will vary from year to year based upon the geographical location of the annual conference. This year the 95th Annual GCEA Conference will be held July 26 – 30, 2020 in Muncie, Indiana.

Eligibility
Anyone teaching Graphic Arts, Graphic or Visual Communications, Graphic Design, Graphic Imaging, Graphic Media, Web Media, or Printing is eligible to apply for the IAP. These grants have been awarded to teachers from junior or senior high school, post-secondary schools, community or technical colleges, and four year colleges and universities. To accept an award, if selected by the IAP Committee, the applicant must be under contract for full-time teaching for the coming school year.

Incentive Award candidates must be paid-up members of GCEA. If the applicant is not a current paid-up member, the GCEA Membership Application can be found and completed online at www.GCEAonline.org.

Any person who has previously participated in an GCEA/IGAEA Annual Conference as a regular dues-paying member of GCEA/IGAEA is not eligible for an Incentive Award.

If you have participated in an annual conference, please pass this material on to an educator who has not previously attended an GCEA/IGAEA annual conference.

Selection
The IAP Committee solicits applications, reviews all completed applications, and selects recipients for each of the Incentive Awards available. If the applicant pool is large enough, an equal number of alternates is selected and placed in priority order to be used when selected awardees cannot attend.

Awards will be granted on the basis of information supplied by the candidate on the attached application.

IAP awardees and alternates will be notified by May 10, 2020 as to their status by GCEA pending membership verification. Awarded will be given 14 days to indicate their acceptance of the award. In the event that an Incentive Award cannot be accepted by an awardee, alternates will be named up to June 1, 2020.

IAP grants will be paid only to those who register for, pay total conference fees, and participate in the complete 95th GCEA Annual Conference (July 26 – 30, 2020) being held at Ball State University, in Muncie, Indiana.

Recognition of Awardees
Recognition of individuals receiving GCEA Conference Incentive Awards will take place during the annual conference banquet. Awards will be transferred to recipient’s account after the conference is completed.

Dates to Remember:
Limited funding this year will reduce the number of awards for this year. Please apply by deadline to be considered.

January 1 — Application review opens
April 27 — Closing date for application review
Selection begins April 28, 2020 and award recipients will be notified by May 10, 2020.

History of the Incentive Awards Program
1976 IGAEA Conference at Glassboro State College, hosted by Paul Von Holtz.
1977 IAP approved by the membership, IGAEA Conference at Ferris State College.
1978 IAP started with interest gained on earnings from 1976 conference. First Conference Incentive Awards were given to four conference attendees, at Central Missouri State University.
1978 - 2019 Additional conference earnings have been added since then and interest income has allowed GCEA to increase the number of and amount of these awards. Over the thirty-seven annual conferences (1978 – 2017) that the Incentive Awards have been granted, in excess of $75,000 of earned interest income and donations has been distributed to over 260 individuals. These awardees have traveled to the 37 annual conference sites from 39 states in the U.S.A. Three came from Ontario and three from Alberta in Canada. Ten came from England and two from Wales in the UK, one from Germany, one from Belgium, and one from Taiwan, Republic of China, to participate in their first GCEA annual conference.
1997 Conference Incentive Awards were renamed in honor of Paul D. Von Holtz who chaired this committee since its inception until his death in 1998.
2014 IGAEA changes its name to Graphic Communications Education Association (GCEA).
The Incentive Awards for the 2020 GCEA Annual Conference are:

- Zone 1: $500
- Zone 2: $550
- Zone 3: $600
- Zone 4: $650
- Zone 5: $700

Please study the above map carefully and determine in which zone you reside. Indicate the zone number on your Incentive Award application in question #2.

The zone system is intended to help offset some of the added expense of traveling a distance to attend your first GCEA Annual Conference.

Limited funding will reduce the number of awards for this year. Please apply by deadline to be considered.

Send Application, Questions and/or Comments to:
Dan McCluskey, Chair • GCEA Incentive Awards Program
c/o 9 Cebold Dr. • Montgomery, IL 60538-2713
Phone: (630)886-7244 • Email: dmccgraph@comcast.net
GCEA Annual Conference Incentive Award Application—2020

Please print neatly or type all information requested: Applications accepted: January 1 through April 27, 2020

First Name

Last Name

School Name

Home Address

School Address

City

State

Zip + 4

City

State

Zip + 4

Home Phone

School Phone

Home Email address

School Email address

Local Newspaper

Name and Title of School Administrator

Newspaper address

Signature of School Administrator (required)

City

State

Zip + 4

Signature of Applicant

1. Have you ever attended an GCEA/IGAEA Annual Conference? No ___ Yes ___
   (If yes, please explain your membership status the year you attended)

2. After studying the enclosed travel zones map, in which of the five zones do you reside? ______

3. What year did you first join GCEA/IGAEA as a regular member? ______ or enclose membership with this application.

4. Teaching experience: (If selected, the awardee must be under contract for full-time teaching for the coming school year).

   Name of School

   No. of Years

   Subjects Taught/Responsibilities

   – Continue to Questions 6 through 8 on Next Page –

5. Industry experience:

   Employer

   No. of Years

   Part-Time

   Full-Time

   Responsibilities/Duties
6. Why do you wish to attend the GCEA Annual Conference this year?

7. How will attendance at this Annual Conference benefit you?
   How will attendance benefit your students?

8. Comment on anything else that you would like us to know about yourself and why you should be selected.

To Apply: Complete Conference Incentive Award Application (Applicant and School Administrator must sign).
Non-Members: Join the GCEA at www.GCEAonline.org.

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