**Graduate Student Essay Competitions 2016 Calendar**

The calendar for the 2016 American Counseling Association Foundation (ACAF) Graduate Student Essay Competitions, including the Future School Counselors Essay Competition (sponsored by the Roland and Dorothy Ross Trust) and the Graduate Student Essay Competition (sponsored by Gerald and Marianne Corey and Allen and Mary Bradford Ivey), has been announced. The dates are:

* ACA student members can submit essay theme suggestions for the 2016 competitions to [essaycontests@counseling.org](mailto:essaycontests@counseling.org) by July 15, 2015.
* The essay theme and competition guidelines will be announced at [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org), and in *ACAeNews* in mid to late September, 2015.
* The online link for submitting essays electronically will go active on October 1, 2015.
* All essays must be received by December 11, 2015 at 11:59 pm EST.
* Award recipients will be announced on January 16, 2016.

The competitions are open to both doctoral and masters level graduate student members of ACA. Two grand prize essayists will be awarded $1,000, a complimentary registration to the 2016 ACA Conference in Montreal, a $250 ACA eGift Certificate, and publication of their essay in *Counseling Today*. Prizes will also be awarded to the runners up and honorable mentioned winners. The awards will be officially presented at the ACA Conference & Exposition in Montreal, Canada in March 2016.

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See the online application after October 1, 2015 for essay competition rules and additional information.

Direct questions about the 2016 competitions to [essaycontests@counseling.org](mailto:essaycontests@counseling.org).