## School of Communications Student Application for Diversity & Inclusion Conferences

The School of Communications is committed to providing financial support and opportunities for students with diverse backgrounds. One such avenue for support is attending national conferences that allow students to network and learn from minority professionals who are engaged in meaningful work related to communication and sport.

The school offers limited funds to support students from diverse backgrounds to attend an affinity conference related to a school-related discipline. For a partial list of affinity organizations the School will support, please see the reverse side of this form. Students wishing to apply for a conference not listed must document how that conference relates to some facet of diversity and supports their academic goals.

To augment the student experience, each applicant must retain a faculty mentor who can affirm the conference is related to or organized by an affinity group and supports the applicant's goals.

Submit a TYPED/PRINTED application no later than three weeks prior to travel departure date to:

**School of Communications** 

ATTN: Kenn Gaither, associate dean for graduate affairs programs and engagement 2850 Campus Box Schar Hall 108D

or tgaither@elon.edu

Student Name		Student Elon ID #		
		(Application will not be accepted without ID#)		
Campus Box		E-mail		
Local Phone		Concentration		
Year in School		Year of Graduation		
Faculty Mentor Name				
Title of Conference/Meeting				
Dates:		Location:		
Will you be a presenter? ☐ Yes ☐ No				
If yes, please indicate the type of presentation AND attach an abstract of no more than 200 words regarding your work.				
	□ Paper □	Poster		
Other (Describe)				

If you are NOT presenting, please attach a description of the activities in which you will participate and how they contribute to your career goals.

Description of Expense		Amount
Total funds requested:		
Are other funds available to support your travel?	□Yes Amount □ No	
Applicant's Signature	Date	
Faculty Mentor's Signature	Date	
Will you be traveling with the student? $\square$ yo	es □ no	
Check one:  ☐ I highly recommend the applicant for fina ☐ I recommend the applicant for financial s ☐ I recommend the applicant with some res	upport from the school.	
Associate Dean Signature	Date	

Please attach a 1-2 page proposal to support your candidacy to receive funds. Explain how the conference is related to diversity in some form and why you would like to attend. Identify certain conference events/activities you plan to attend.

Examples of Affinity Communication/Sport Management Organizations

- National Association for Multi-Ethnicity in Communications
- ColorComm
- National Association of Black Journalists
- Asian American Journalists Association
- National Association of Hispanic Journalists
- Native American Journalists Association
- South Asian Journalists Association
- Vision Maker Media (Native Storytelling for Public Broadcasting)
- Rada Film Group
- International Communication Association
- Association for Women in Sports Media
- The Emma Bowen Foundation
- T. Howard Foundation
- Women in Cable Telecommunications
- Walter Kaitz Foundation
- National Black Public Relations Society
- NLGJA (National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association)
- Athlete Ally's Student Athlete Activism Summit
- ADCOLOR
- Hispanicize