

Funding Proposal By: Ejmin Hakobian, Chris Barreras  
Proposed Title: Veterans Leadership Development Program

### **Program Overview:**

Provide funding to sponsor the cost of travel and lodging to National and State Wide conferences that focuses on Veterans welfare. The students attending the meeting will learn about resources and information that can help the growth of Cal State LA veterans.

Student Veterans Association National Conference: Since 2008, Student Veterans of America's National Conference has been the premier gathering of service members and veterans in higher education from across the country. Facilitating connections between thought leaders, stakeholders and veteran advocates, the conference has proven to be an unforgettable experience for student veterans and veteran supporters alike. SVA's National Conference is the place for veterans, service members, their families and veteran supporters to network with peers and learn about cutting edge programs going on around the country that support veterans in higher education.

Registration Fee:  $\$75 * 3 \text{ students} = \$150$   
Per diem:  $\$60 * 3 \text{ students} * 4 \text{ days} = \$720$   
Travel:  $\$ 500 * 3 \text{ students} = \$ 1500$   
Logging:  $\$250 * 4 \text{ days} = \$2000$

California State University and University of California campuses. The Summit provides an opportunity to learn from those who have significant experience serving student veterans and offers the chance to make important contacts. Counselors, deans, certifying officials, administrators, trustees, instructional faculty members and statewide leaders from the California Community Colleges, California State University and University of California are invited to attend.

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California Diversity Council: This half-day Summit will afford an opportunity for veterans, company and organization representatives to come together in an educational forum to hear from fellow veterans and professional leaders as well as learn some of the most-effective best practices regarding veteran hiring, transitioning into a civilian workplace along with professional development opportunities. The summit is scheduled for four annual meetings.

Registration Fee:  $\$99 * 3 * \text{ students} = \$297$   
Per diem:  $\$60 * 3 \text{ students} * 4 \text{ days} = \$720$   
Millage:  $\$50 \text{ millage estimate}$

Total funding Request:  $\$9,907$

### **Measurable Outcomes:**

Students participating in the Veterans Leadership Conference will demonstrate an increase in development of self-discovery, new ways of thinking, and networking opportunities. These outcomes will be measured by the evaluation of a PowerPoint presentation given post conference.

**Program Plan:**

The Executive Director of the Veterans Center will be responsible for the successful implementation of the program and the appropriate allocation of the funds. Student Veterans will request authorization of funding support for registration, travel, and accommodations. Once authorized students will show proof of registration and travel itinerary. Students will be required to attend the entire portion of the conference. The application process will be evaluated based on participation and overall academic performance.

**Assessment Method:**

Students will be asked to provide a PowerPoint presentation reflecting their learning outcomes and the benefits of their attendance. An assessment comprised of student surveys and the Veterans Center Director will produce a report on the overall effectiveness of the students' participation in the conference.