



Call for Proposals

30th Annual Conference

“Unfinished Business: Expanding Equitable Pathways to Success”

June 4-6, 2023

Asheville, NC

The Community Colleges of Appalachia (CCA), a voluntary association of public community colleges serving the common interests of member colleges and their communities through programs and services responsive to the unique cultural, geographic, and economic challenges facing the region, invites interested individuals to submit proposals for the 2023 Annual Conference. Annually, CCA hosts a conference geared toward a specific theme. The CCA 2023 Annual Conference, with the theme “Unfinished Business: Expanding Equitable Pathways to Success” will take place in Asheville, June 4-6, 2023.

Sessions are normally scheduled for forty (40) minutes or twenty (20) minute “TED-type talks.” Presenters are asked to reserve a few minutes at the conclusion of their sessions for questions and comments.

WHAT CCA SEEKS IN PROPOSALS

The Program Planning Committee solicits proposals which meet these main objectives:

- To achieve the goals and objectives of the conference.
- To highlight exemplary models of success and innovation which have helped transform Appalachia.
- To ensure that sessions combine significant content and an emphasis on interactive, creative approaches that stimulate discussion.
- To ensure that sessions go beyond merely describing a particular problem or opportunity to also (a) analyze what worked, what didn't work, and why, and (b) facilitate the ability of participants to apply the information shared.

HOW PROPOSALS WILL BE REVIEWED AND SELECTED

Proposals will be reviewed by members of the Program Planning Committee and are expected to meet these minimum criteria:

- Adherence to proposal submission instructions.
- Relevance to the conference theme, goals, and objectives.
- Potential for engaging participants in substantive discussions.
- Clarity of writing

EXPECTATIONS FOR PRESENTERS

Presenters must

- Register for the conference,
- Agree that their presentation abstract may be used to advertise the conference and may be included in the conference brochure,
- Agree to provide their presentation in an electronic format to be posted on the CCA website following the conference, and
- Be from a member institution (exceptions can be made by the Program Planning Committee).

TIMELINE

January 13, 2023	Call for Proposals distributed to CCA member institutions
February 17, 2023	Deadline for Submitting Proposals
February 24, 2023	Proposals Sent to Program Planning Committee
March 17, 2023	Planning Committee Selects Proposals
March 24	Presenters Notified