



The ECCSSA Journal

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

MISSION OF THE ECCSSA JOURNAL

The ECCSSA Journal is a peer reviewed scholarly academic journal published annually by The East Coast Colleges Social Science Association (ECCSSA). *The ECCSSA Journal* is a mechanism through which the ongoing work as well as the Association's positions on critical social issues and relevant research are articulated and disseminated.

The Journal publishes articles written by scholars in the social and behavioral sciences and related disciplines; as well as interdisciplinary and cross disciplinary perspectives. Submissions should be related to the annual conference theme or the call for special topics or issues. Submissions are carefully selected by peer review.

SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES

Types of Articles

Submission of articles must be thematically based around the conference theme and call for papers. Prospective authors are asked to give attention to the annual conference theme and the background conference overview which includes the narrative outlining the background and statement of the problem that led to the conference theme. The Conference Overview document provides an overview of the critical issues and suggested topics.

Submissions are welcome from those who do not attend the annual conference but wish to submit a related paper or research study on the conference theme. Conference participants, however, will be given first priority. Contributions that are reflective of current trends or ongoing social issues are similarly encouraged and may be considered, although conference themed submissions will remain our priority.

Anyone with an article related to the Association's current theme as described in the annual call for articles is eligible to submit to *The ECCSSA Journal* for review and consideration. Articles submitted for publication in *The ECCSSA Journal* should not have been previously published or forthcoming in a journal or book. However, publication in a working-paper series, notes, outlines, or PowerPoint slides previously presented at a conference are not considered a prior publication.



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Articles submitted for publication in *The ECCSSA Journal* should not be currently under review by another publisher or Journal. Authors must agree that they will not submit the identical paper to another journal until the editorial decision process of the ECCSSA Journal has been completed. The author can submit a formal written request to withdraw the article from consideration for publication in the Journal of the East Coast Colleges Social Science Association. However, there should be no conflict of interests until the review process is completed.

Submission Process

Articles are to be submitted in electronic version in a Microsoft Word document and on the required template for the Journal that can be found on the Association's website at: www.eccssa.org. The required format for article submission is the APA format. Authors unsure of the American Psychological Association's (APA) format are referred to the Style page on the APA website or the APA Publication Manual to learn more about the rules of formatting.

Authors are also encouraged to engage an independent editor who understands this format and can review your article prior to submission to The ECCSSA Journal to ensure correct formatting. Articles that do not conform to APA format will be returned without review. We have on staff a copy editor who can work with you from start to finish. His fee is minimal for the entire process. It is highly recommended that you work with him prior to submitting your article for consideration. If your article is accepted for publication, you will continue to work with the copy editor until final revisions are complete based on editorial comments. Please contact us for the contact information for our copy editor.

Manuscripts must be submitted to the Editor-in-Chief by direct e-mail. Submissions can be emailed directly to the Editor-in-Chief at roking@nvcc.edu or conference@eccssa.org. A confirmation receipt will be returned to the submitter's email address.

Manuscripts must have a separate cover page which includes the author's name and title of the submission, institution, faculty rank (where applicable), discipline and/or professional title. *The author's name must not appear on any other page of the submission.* In the case of multiple authors, use an asterisk (*) to indicate the author with whom communication about the submission should be sent.



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Submission Deadline

The ECCSSA Journal is published in the Spring of each academic calendar year in April. Submissions may be made throughout the year. Official submission dates are from *August 31st through October 31st* of each year. Submissions received by the closing date will be considered for publication for the current publication year, unless there is an extended call.

The production schedule is very tight and must adhere to a timely schedule. After submission for consideration, all articles must go to blind reviewers for review, acceptance, revisions or rejection. This is followed by editing and review by Journal staff, including the copy and design and layout editors, and finally to the press team for production.

Review Process

The ECCSSA Journal has a set of criteria provided to independent reviewers of all article submissions. A manuscript initially screened and rated as meeting the review criteria including the style, length, audience, and themed guidelines of The ECCSSA Journal will be passed on for blind review by ECCSSA's editorial board and other appointed reviewers. This initial process will take up to eight weeks to complete and may include several rounds with request for clarification and revisions by the individuals submitting articles for consideration. If approved by blind reviewers, the submission is then brought to the Journal's final editorial review panel of editors who make the final determination about whether the publication is eligible for publishing.

TECHNICAL STYLE AND FORMAT REQUIREMENTS

Length

The ECCSSA Editorial Board prefers submissions that are less than 8,000 words or no more than 25 pages in length including references, appendices and tables. Longer submissions are less likely to be accepted.

Style

Manuscripts submitted for consideration must be formatted in accordance with the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th edition* (APA Style®). [Note: New 7th edition to be released in October 2019.] Information about APA may be found at <http://www.apastyle.org/> and a tutorial including example papers is available at <http://www.apastyle.org/learn/tutorials/basics-tutorial.aspx>. Exceptions and additional considerations beyond the general APA guidelines follow.



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Writing Mechanics

ECCSSA has a diverse readership. Readers are drawn from both academic and non-academic arenas. Therefore, an expressive writing language, one that is clear, easily understood and can be interpreted by the lay public and appeal to a wider audience is encouraged.

Language and Grammar

All submissions must be written in English. Except for common foreign words and phrases, the use of foreign words and phrases should be avoided.

Standard English grammar should be used throughout the paper. Several grammar guides such as *The Elements of Style* by William Strunk, Jr. and E. B. White, are available in print or electronic format.

Several editions of *The Elements of Style* by William Strunk may be retrieved from some of the following URLs:

- Project Gutenberg at: <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/37134>
- Online Book by William Strunk at: <http://www.crockford.com/wrrrld/style.html>
- Elements of Style by Strunk and White at:
<http://faculty.washington.edu/heagerty/Courses/b572/public/StrunkWhite.pdf>

Type and Font Sizes

The font used for all articles must be Palatino Linotype. Please refer to the separate document. The ECCSSA Journal-Template for Articles for font sizes. Use the template to prepare your article for submission including the size and margins.

Subtitles Included in Body of Paper

Consistent with APA guidelines, in addition to a title page and an abstract, submitted papers require subtitles/subheadings within the body of the article. Authors are expected to comply with standards as set forth in the American Psychological Association's Style and formatting for publications.

Emphasized Text

In cases where it is necessary to emphasize a word or phrase in the article, the use of italics, rather than underlining, should be used to indicate that text. Avoid use of color to emphasize text; instead use the italics font to highlight emphasis or underline. The use of foreign terms is also discouraged but, if used, should be set in italics and defined.



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GENERAL WRITING EXPECTATIONS

Typically, numbers of nine or less are spelled out (e.g., two tests were given); all other numbers are expressed in numerals (e.g., A total of 500 responses were received). However, if the number is nine or less but refers to a statistic (e.g., the mode was 3.0), express it as a numeral.

Do not begin sentences with a numeral or symbols (e.g., 50% of the respondents agreed...). If a number must be used at the beginning of the sentence, then spell out the number and place the number in parenthesis (e.g. Fifty (50) percent of).

Do not use the term “significant” in your report unless a test of significance was performed. Statistical results from inferential tests are not “moderately,” “mildly,” or “the most” significant; results are either significant or not.

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Please proofread your article very carefully prior to submission, as it is not the role of reviewers to search for spelling, grammar, or punctuation errors. The Editors suggest that you work with our copy editor to help with review and proofing of your article and to make sure it adheres to the APA format prior to submission. As mentioned earlier, our copy editor will work with you from beginning to end for a very nominal fee.

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APA Submission Guidelines

<http://www.apa.org/pubs/authors/instructions.aspx>

APA Style and Format Page

<http://www.apastyle.org/>

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<http://www.eccssa.org/id116.htm>

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