



TENNESSEE CITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION ED YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP FUND

BACKGROUND

This scholarship recognizes Mr. Ed Young, retired Deputy Director of the Tennessee Municipal League and Honorary Member of TCMA. Ed has been a longtime supporter of the Association and understood the benefit of having professional management in Tennessee local government. This fund was started through the generous financial support of Ed and is structured to encourage additional donations from others to provide scholarships for individuals to attend a TCMA Conference. The targeted recipients are individual members who might not otherwise be able to afford to attend a conference to gain knowledge, information and networking opportunities with other local government professionals in Tennessee. Donations are accounted for and held in reserve in TCMA's primary bank account.

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For Full/Associate Members

It is recognized that some cities in Tennessee have limited resources that make it difficult to afford professional development and management training opportunities for their administrative staff. It is the intent of this program to provide an opportunity for qualified TCMA members to attend a TCMA annual conference by providing a scholarship to cover the cost of attendance.

For Graduate Students & Interns in Local Government

It is recognized that there is a critical need to encourage the next generation of local government professionals to attend the conference, to benefit from the practical educational opportunities and through networking with current local government professionals in Tennessee.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

For Full/Associate Members

1. A member of TCMA in good standing shall be eligible for consideration subject to the parameters outlined below.
2. The population of the City employing the member shall be less than 10,000.
3. The member has not attended a TCMA Conference while employed with the current city and the city itself has not funded a TCMA member to attend in the past three years.

4. The City employing the member shall have a median household income (according to the latest U.S. Census data) that is less than the median household income in the State of Tennessee (currently \$44,621).
5. While the selected scholarship recipients will have the registration fee covered through the scholarship, he/she shall be expected to cover all other expenses associated with attending the conference.

For Graduate Students & Interns in Local government

1. At minimum, the student shall be a TCMA Academic member who is currently enrolled in a graduate level program in public administration or similar major at a Tennessee university with an emphasis on and interest in local government management as a career.
2. Graduate students at universities outside Tennessee are also eligible to apply provided they graduated from high school in Tennessee.
3. The student must attend a university that has an ICMA Student Chapter and must be active in the Student Chapter.
4. The student must receive a written recommendation from the head professor of the public administration or similar graduate level program.
5. Interns must be TCMA Academic members and currently employed in a Tennessee town or city, having made substantial progress toward an advanced graduate level degree in public administration or similar graduate level program.
6. The intern must receive a written recommendation from the local government management professional at the city of employment.
7. Interns must meet the same "City" eligibility criteria (community size and income levels) that apply to Full/Associate members. Agency interns are not eligible for the scholarship.
8. As the registration fee for graduate students and interns is currently waived at conferences for all Academic attendees, selected recipients of the scholarship will receive a \$125 stipend to help with the cost of travel, lodging, and food.
9. No more than two (2) scholarships shall be awarded per conference to a student from each eligible school and no more than two (2) scholarships awarded per conference for eligible interns.

APPLICATION FORM

The TCMA Executive Director shall prepare and post online an application form with sufficient detail to determine the qualifications of applicant in meeting the eligibility criteria above. Completed applications must be submitted electronically to the Executive Director at least 45 days in advance of a conference for consideration.

SELECTION

The TCMA Board shall establish at least 90 days in advance of the conference the amount of potential scholarship funds available for the program. Using the funding guideline, the Nomination & Recognition Committee shall review the applicant information and make the final decision on the scholarship recipients at least 30 days in advance of the conference.