

**National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE)  
2016 Scholarship Application**

Starting in 2013, NACOLE, through its Annual Conference Scholarship Fund, began offering financial support to individuals to attend the NACOLE Annual Conference, expanding the reach of civilian oversight and promoting participation by individuals from a broad spectrum of social, economic, racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds. The Scholarship Fund supports and strengthens the work of civilian oversight practitioners and communities by providing access to a broad range of oversight information, best practices and professional networks.

**Scholarships will cover the cost of conference registration  
and up to \$500 in travel-related expenses.**

**Scholarship Descriptions, Eligibility and Applications**

**1. Founders' Community Scholarship Award**

The Founders' Community Scholarship Award (FCSA) honors the significant contributions of the founders of NACOLE by supporting grassroots community members and/or law enforcement members whose attendance at the Annual Conference will benefit their communities and whose commitment to civilian oversight will be reinforced by their participation. The FCSA provides financial assistance to attend the Annual Conference to individuals from diverse social, economic, racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds.

**2. Presidents' Scholarship Award**

The Presidents' Scholarship Award (PSA) recognizes the dedication and commitment of each of NACOLE's past Presidents by supporting early-career professionals, volunteers and students whose attendance at the Annual Conference will strengthen their interest and commitment to the field. The PSA supports anyone with three years or fewer of experience working or volunteering in civilian oversight of law enforcement and students currently enrolled full- or part-time in a college or university program.

**3. Membership Scholarship Award**

The Membership Scholarship Award (MSA) supports and strengthens the work of NACOLE members by introducing them to a broad range of oversight information, best practices and professional networks. The MSA supports individuals in all NACOLE membership categories—Regular, Associate, Organizational and Student—by providing financial assistance to attend the Annual Conference. To be eligible for the MSA, you must be a member of NACOLE in good standing or employed by/affiliated with an oversight entity holding an organizational membership in good standing at the time of your application and as of the first day of the conference.

**Submit applications to [scholarship@NACOLE.org](mailto:scholarship@NACOLE.org) no later than **May 2, 2016**.  
You will receive a confirmation of receipt.  
If you do not, please contact [info@nacole.org](mailto:info@nacole.org) or call 317-721-8133**

The award of scholarships will be made by the Board of Directors by June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

## Scholarship Award Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Agency/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current member of NACOLE? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If so, what membership category? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended a NACOLE Conference in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, which years and/or locations? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you been involved in Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement? \_\_\_\_\_

Which scholarship are you applying for (circle one)?      FCSA      PSA      MSA  
(Please carefully review the descriptions of the scholarships to confirm you are applying for the one that best fits your qualifications.)

What is the total dollar amount you are requesting for the scholarship? (maximum award is cost of early registration plus \$500 in travel expenses) \_\_\_\_\_

Is there another potential source of funding for your attendance at the conference? (if yes, explain in essay) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Submit this form and addendum(s) to [scholarship@NACOLE.org](mailto:scholarship@NACOLE.org) by May 2, 2016.**

**SHORT ESSAY:** On a separate sheet of paper, please detail why you should be awarded the scholarship for which you are applying. In your essay, please provide, AT A MINIMUM, the following information:

**Founders' Community Scholarship Award (FCSA)**

- Please describe your involvement with or interest in issues relating to civilian oversight and/or law enforcement.
- What are your goals as they relate to civilian oversight, community issues or the criminal justice system?
- How will your attendance at the 2016 NACOLE conference assist you in meeting these goals?
- How do you anticipate applying the skills and knowledge gained at the conference?
- Financial need is a factor in awarding of scholarships. Please offer any information you feel is relevant concerning this.

**Presidents' Scholarship Award (PSA)**

- How long have you been working or volunteering in civilian oversight, or studying issues related to civilian oversight?
- Please provide an overview of work you have performed (either paid or as a volunteer) in this area and in what capacity; or, if you are a student, please describe your studies or activities relating to policing, criminal justice, journalism, community issues or related fields and tell us why you are interested in attending the NACOLE conference.
- How will attending the NACOLE conference strengthen your interest and/or commitment to the field of civilian oversight?
- How do you anticipate applying the skills and knowledge gained at the conference?
- Financial need is a factor in awarding of scholarships. Please offer any information you feel is relevant concerning this.

**Membership Scholarship Award (MSA)**

- How long have you been working or volunteering in civilian oversight?
- Please provide an overview of work you have performed (either paid or as a volunteer) in this area and in what capacity.
- How will attending the NACOLE conference strengthen your interest and commitment to the field of civilian oversight?
- How do you anticipate applying the skills and knowledge gained at the conference?
- Financial need is a factor in awarding of scholarships. Please offer any information you feel is relevant concerning this.

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** Submit at least one (1) letter of recommendation for the award as an addendum to this Application. If recommendation letters are submitted separately, please ensure they arrive by the deadline and clearly identify you as the applicant. **Failure to submit a letter of recommendation may result in disqualification from consideration.**