

**National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE)
2020 Scholarship Application**

In 2013, NACOLE, through its Annual Conference Scholarship Fund, began offering financial support for 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, effective 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.

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, effective 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.

4. Local Community Scholarship Award

The Local Community Scholarship Award (LCSA) supports grassroots community members, advocacy organizations, volunteers and/or law enforcement members who may benefit from educational sessions and networking opportunities at the Annual NACOLE Conference or other NACOLE sponsored educational events. Applicants for this category must be physically located in the city or surrounding geographical region of the Annual NACOLE Conference in the year the application is submitted. This category will be funded by donations specifically intended for this purpose on an annual basis.

**Submit applications to: scholarship@NACOLE.org no later than April 30th, 2020.
You will receive a confirmation of receipt. If you do not, please contact info@nacole.org or
call 317-721-8133**

The award of scholarships will be made by the Board of Directors by May 13th 2020.

Scholarship Award Application

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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? Organizational Regular Associate Student

Have you paid for your dues for 2020? Yes No, If no, please be advised that your dues must be paid on or before June 30, 2020.

Have you ever attended a NACOLE Conference in the past?

Yes No

Year or Location of Conference(s) you attended: _____

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

Professional working for an oversight agency

Volunteer working with an oversight agency

Community Organizer

Student

Local Law Enforcement

Which scholarship are you applying for? (circle one and provide a statement in the section provided below)
FCSA PSA MSA LCSA

(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 addendums (Essay and Letters of Recommendation) to scholarship@NACOLE.org by April 30th, 2020.

2. SHORT ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

PART I:

Please include the following information, corresponding to the scholarship category to which you are applying:

Founders' Community Scholarship Award (FCSA): Describe contributions that you have made to the field of oversight of law enforcement, or contributions in the areas of community policing, procedural justice and/or transparent policing.

President's Scholarship Award (PSA): 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.

Membership Scholarship Award (MSA): Please provide an overview of work you have performed (either paid or as a volunteer) in this area and in what capacity. Please describe how NACOLE membership and/or attendance at the annual conference have benefited you or your organization.

Local Community Scholarship Award (LCSA): Provide an overview of civilian oversight in your community, including your involvement with and community support of oversight.

PART II:

Please include the following information in your essay:

- Explain your financial need as it relates to covering the costs to attend the conference/event, including potential alternative sources of funding (from question above)
- How will your attendance at the 2020 Annual Conference strengthen your interest and commitment to the field of civilian oversight

3. 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.**