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ACJA-LAE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

BE SURE TO:

1. Answer **ALL** Questions Contained in the Application.
2. Include the **REQUIRED** Certified Grade Transcript. Letters of Recommendation from chapter officers and faculty advisors may be submitted. They will be used as background information, not for evaluation.
3. Complete **REQUIRED** Career and Educational Goals Statement contained in packet.
4. **Email your Completed Application to:**
Danny Hayes
dhayes@peru.edu
Scholarship Chairman
ACJA-LAE

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31. LATE AND/OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARDS.

AMERICAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION LAMBDA ALPHA EPSILON

ACJA/LAE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In 1979, the Board of Directors, with the full endorsement of the American Criminal Justice Association's general membership, established a Scholarship Program which makes annual scholarship awards to members who are upper or lower division students or graduate students enrolled in a course of study in the criminal justice field. Financial support for the Program is supported through membership dues. Scholarship decisions are made by the Scholarship Committee, who is responsible for setting competition standards and rules determining successful winners. Awards are announced at the Annual Conference of the Association.

Questions concerning the Scholarship Program or any part of this Application packet should be directed to the Scholarship Chairman, Danny Hayes at (402) 414-2520 or email: dhayes@peru.edu.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Three categories of awards have been established to include a Graduate Division, an Upper Division, and a Lower Division. Three awards will be dispersed per category in the following manner:

1 st PLACE	\$800
2 nd PLACE	\$400
3 RD PLACE	\$200

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS?

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen. **Applicants must be a member of an ACJA/LAE chapter or Member-at-Large in good standing (both at the time of submission and at the time of the awards).** Membership applications with the initiation fee of \$40 may accompany entries. The categories of competition based on academic level are: **Graduate Level** for those enrolled in an accredited post-graduate program such as a Master's or Doctorate Degree program; **Upper Division Level** for those enrolled in an accredited undergraduate degree program who have completed a minimum of 70/105 semester/quarter hours of course work; and **Lower Division Level** for those enrolled in an accredited undergraduate degree program who have completed no more than 70/105 semester/quarter hours and no less than 12 semester hours/18 quarter hours.

All applicants must be currently enrolled in a recognized course of study directly (or indirectly) associated with the criminal justice field. They must have completed at least two semesters or three quarters of accredited course work.

All applicants must have achieved a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of a 3.0 on a scale of 4.0. Applicants must be currently enrolled with a minimum course load of at least two-thirds (2/3) of full-time enrollment as established by the applicant's college or university. (Example: If 12 hours is a full load, minimum would be 8 hours; 9 hours full-time would be a minimum of 6 hours)

WHEN SHOULD THE APPLICATION BE FILLED OUT?

Applications must be received via email on or before **January 31** in order to be considered for the awards presented at the forthcoming National Conference.

HOW IS SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS MADE?

Scholarship winners are selected on the basis of criteria established by the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee is appointed by the President of the Association with approval of the Executive Board. No two members of the Committee come from the same region in the Association.

The criteria chosen by the Committee to evaluate applicants involves the following factors:

- ◆ Overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better on a scale of 4.0.
- ◆ GPA of basic courses completed in criminal justice or related field of study.
- ◆ Statement of career and educational goals of student.

Financial need, race, age, sex, religion, or national origin will not be considered in the selection of recipients.

HOW DO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS RECEIVE THE FUNDS?

Winners will be announced and stipends will be presented at the Awards Banquet at the National Conference. Certificates will also be presented to the winners. If the recipient is not present at the National Conference, the certificate and stipend will be mailed directly to the recipient after the National Conference to be used by him/her for general needs including tuition costs, books, room and board, or other expenses incurred while attending school.

FILLING OUT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

When you fill out this form, please be sure to:

1. Complete the Application Check List on page 8 before you return the Application.
2. Type the Application or use a pen with black or dark ink; do not use a pencil.
3. Print carefully so that your form will be easy to read.
4. Complete all portions of the Application and email one (1) copy of the Application along with a copy of your academic transcript.

Direct all questions to Danny Hayes, Scholarship Chairman, at (402) 414-2520 or email: dhayes@peru.edu.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Student Information (Please Type or Print Legibly)

Student's Name _____
Last First Initial

Mailing Address _____
Street

_____ City State Zip Code

Permanent Address (If different from mailing address)

_____ Street

_____ City State Zip Code

Email Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Date of Birth _____ Student is: A U.S. Citizen
 An eligible non-citizen
 Neither of the above

Scholastic Background

Name of College/University at which you are now enrolled: _____

Student's Year in College: 1st (Freshman) 4th (Senior)
 2nd (Sophomore) Graduate or Professional
 3rd (Junior) (beyond a Bachelor's Degree)

Academic Major _____ Number of Credits Completed Toward Major _____

Academic Minor _____ Overall Grade Point Average (4.0 scale) _____

Criminal Justice Grade Point Average (4.0 scale) _____

**GPA'S MUST BE SUPPORTED BY AN OFFICIAL
ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT**

High School from which you graduated and date of graduation: _____
Month Year

Name of High School City/State

List all schools you attended since High School up to the present and the number of units completed during each school period. **Begin with the school you first attended after high school.**

School Name	City/State	Check if		Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	School
		Sem	Qtr	Units	Units	Units	Units	Units

Check if you had financial aid

ACJA/LAE Membership Information

Membership Status: Chapter Member Member-at-Large

Membership Number (**found on membership card**): _____

Name of Chapter (if applicable) _____

Location _____
School (if applicable) City/State

Letters Of Recommendation (Optional)

Letters of Recommendation submitted from:

CERTIFICATION: All of the information of this form and attached papers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

CAREER AND EDUCATION GOALS STATEMENT

Student's Career and Educational Goals:

Student's Plan for Accomplishing Goals: _____

Explanation of How ACJA/LAE's Scholarship Would Help Accomplish Student's Goals: _____

*Attach additional pages, if necessary

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

In addition to the previous information, the following documents must accompany each application:

OFFICIAL CERTIFIED SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

One **Official Certified Grade Transcript (unopened) MUST** be attached from the college/university you are attending.

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT STATUS

A letter from the college/university registrar **MUST** be attached to the Application certifying that the applicant is currently enrolled in at least two-thirds (2/3) of a normal full course load as determined by that institution.

CAREER AND EDUCATIONAL GOALS STATEMENT

Applicants **MUST** complete the enclosed career and educational goals statement form. The statement should outline your basic educational and career objectives and explain how you plan to fulfill these goals and how the Scholarship would help you attain these objectives.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (OPTIONAL)

A letter(s) of recommendation **MAY** be submitted from an ACJA/LAE chapter officer detailing applicant's work in the chapter. Additional letters of recommendation may be submitted from (1) a college/university faculty member explaining applicant's scholastic achievements, and/or (2) chapter faculty advisor describing applicant's work on behalf of the chapter. These letters of recommendation may be submitted with the application, but they will be used for background information only, not for evaluation.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECK LIST

Please answer the following questions and statements and submit completed letters, grades, and completed Applications to: Danny Hayes, Scholarship Chairman.

NOTE: ALL BOXES MUST BE CHECKED TO QUALIFY FOR SCHOLARSHIP. PLEASE SUBMIT ONE COPY OF THE APPLICATION PLUS A CERTIFIED GRADE TRANSCRIPT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE AWARD.



- I am a member in good standing of ACJA/LAE at the time of submission of the Application. **Membership applications with initiation fee of \$40 may accompany entries.**

ATTENTION: Membership is verified at the time the Scholarship Application is received. If you paid your dues through your local chapter, be sure your dues have been sent to the National Office by the Advisor or Chapter Officer in charge of initiation / dues BEFORE we receive your Application. If your dues are not paid at the time of submission (either individually or by your chapter), you will be disqualified from the Scholarship Competition.

- I am currently enrolled in a recognized course of study directly (or indirectly) associated with the criminal justice field.
- I have submitted one (1) Official Certified Grade Transcript (unopened).
- I have submitted a letter from my college/university registrar certifying that I am currently enrolled in at least two-thirds (2/3) of a normal full course load as determined by the institution.
- I have submitted a Statement of Career and Educational Goals, how I plan to fulfill these goals, and how the Scholarship will help me attain these goals.

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