



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2021 ACJA/LAE NATIONAL STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION



Eligibility: Any degree-seeking student currently enrolled in an academic program at either the undergraduate or graduate level who is a member of ACJA/LAE. **Membership applications with initiation fee of \$40 may accompany entries. If you are renewing your membership for 2021, your check or money order for \$35 MUST be included with this Application.** Those with terminal degrees are not eligible.

ATTENTION: Membership is verified at the time the Student Paper Application is received. If you paid your 2021 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 paper. If your dues are not paid at the time of submission (either individually or by your chapter), you will be disqualified from the Competition.

Specifications for Papers: All papers must be by a single author. All entries must be original papers which deal with issues and problems in the areas of criminology, law enforcement, juvenile justice, courts, corrections, prevention, planning and evaluation, career development, or education in the field of criminal justice. **Papers must be at least 1,500 words (minimum of 5 pages) with a suggested maximum of 3,000 words (10 pages), typewritten, double-spaced on 8-1/2" x 11" white quality paper.** Any standard referencing format is acceptable (American Psychological Association, Turabian, etc.) for the organization of papers and citations. **Be sure that references are cited appropriately throughout the text, and listed on a separate sheet of paper at the end (this page will NOT be included in the word count).**

Three (3) Copies of the completed **STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION APPLICATION** along with three (3) copies of the paper **MUST** be submitted. Also, entries **MUST** include the paper on a CD or Flash Drive indicating what program and version was used for the word processing. **Entries submitted WITHOUT three (3) completed copies of the Application, three (3) hard copies of the paper, and an electronic copy (EITHER CD OR FLASH DRIVE) will be disqualified. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Deadline for Entries: **Entries must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2020.** This Application is available only **ONLINE**. Please send completed Applications and paper to Dr. Tamara Lynn, Student Paper Competition Chairman, ACJA-LAE, PO Box 601047, Sacramento, CA 95860-1047. It is recommended that applicants obtain a Certificate of Mailing from the post office at the time the Application is mailed as evidence that it was mailed by the appropriate deadline.

Judging Procedures: All questions regarding this Student Paper Competition should be directed to Dr. Lynn at (785) 628-5668 or email: tjlynn@fhsu.edu. Entries will be sorted by category and judged by professionals in the field. Entries will be judged on such criteria as relevancy of the topic, topic coverage, clarity of presentation, organization, writing style and quality, and contribution to the field.

Awards: Monetary Awards will be made for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Papers in the **Graduate Division, Upper Division, and Lower Division**. The money to be awarded in each division is **\$200, 1st place; \$150, 2nd place; and \$100, 3rd place**. Certificates will also be presented to the winners. Winners will be announced at the Awards Banquet at the **2021 National Conference**. 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. **First-Place winning papers in each Division will be printed in the next issue of the LAE National Journal.**

The categories of competition based on academic level are:

- ◆ **Graduate Division 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 and have completed no more than 70/105 semester/quarter hours and no less than 12 semester hours/18 quarter hours.



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STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION APPLICATION

STUDENT INFORMATION: (Please Type Or Print Legibly)

Date: _____
Month Day Year

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 _____
Month Day Year

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:

College City State

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

List all Degrees _____

Academic Major _____ Number of Credits completed toward major _____

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

Chapter Affiliation _____ or, At-Large Member _____

Membership No. (found on membership card) _____ Region _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____