Ed Young Scholarship Fund
Program Information

BACKGROUND
This scholarship recognizes the late Ed Young, retired Deputy Director of the Tennessee Municipal League and Honorary Member of TCMA. Ed is a longtime supporter of TCMA and understood the benefit of having professional management in Tennessee local government. This fund was started through the generous financial support of Ed and his wife Martha 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.

FOCUS
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 a TCMA conference, to benefit from the practical educational opportunities provided, and to network with local government professionals in Tennessee.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
For Full/Associate Members
1. A TCMA member in good standing is 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 (3) 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 $51,340).
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 he/she 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.
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Fall 2020 Conference Application Form

**Deadline:** September 20, 2020.

NAME: __________________________________________

CITY or UNIVERSITY: __________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: ____________________________________

PHONE NUMBER: ____________________________________

ARE YOU A TCMA MEMBER? Yes / No (circle one)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLYING FOR: Full/Associate Member ____

Graduate Student/Intern ____

**FOR FULL/ASSOCIATE MEMBER:**

1. What is the certified population of your City? _____________

2. What is the median household income in your City of employment (according to latest U.S. Census Data)? $ _____________

3. Have you attended a TCMA Conference while employed with your current City? Yes / No (circle one)

4. Has your City funded a member to attend a TCMA Conference in past three years? Yes / No (circle one)
FOR GRADUATE STUDENT OR INTERN:

1. Are you currently enrolled in a graduate level program at a Tennessee university with an emphasis on and interest in local government management as a career?  
   Yes / No (circle one)  
   Name of University: ____________________________________________

2. If you are a graduate student at a University outside Tennessee, did you graduate from high school in Tennessee?  Yes / No (circle one)  
   Name of High School: ____________________________________________  City___________  
   Name of University: ____________________________________________

3. If currently a graduate student, are you active in the ICMA Student Chapter at your university? __________

4. If currently serving as an Intern in a Tennessee city, what is your progress toward receiving a graduate level degree in public administration or similar graduate level program?  ____________________________________________  
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   ____________________________________________

5. If intern, what is the certified population of your City of employment?  ____________________________

6. If intern, what is the median household income in City of your employment (according to latest U.S. Census data)? $ ________________

7. ON A SEPARATE PAGE, PLEASE ANSWER THIS QUESTION (1 PAGE MAXIMUM)

   What is it about local government service that makes it attractive as a career choice for you?

8. PLEASE NOTE: Graduate students/interns applying for a scholarship must attach a brief recommendation from the head professor of your graduate program or the chief municipal management professional at the city of your employment.

I certify that the information provided is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

__________________________________________  _________________________
Name                                          Date

Please email the completed application not later than September 20, 2020 to Jeff Broughton at Broughton@tncma.org.