

Graduate School Scholarship Opportunity

Washington City/County Management Association (WCCMA)
Application Packet

Receiving the 2006 - 2007 WCCMA scholarship was an honor. I knew I was interested in a career with local government, but wasn't quite sure how to break in to the field. The WCCMA set me up with a wonderful mentor at the City of Kirkland and we continue to meet to discuss opportunities in the field. Through this scholarship, I have also been able to meet and network with other individuals in local government, including ICMA Fellows, Administrative Analysts and even the Assistant City Manager in my hometown! In addition to receiving valuable scholarship funds for my graduate school tuition, I feel that the WCCMA has opened a door for me that wasn't there before. – Kristen Paynter, 2006-07 WCCMA Scholarship winner

Scholarship Introduction

WCCMA is soliciting applications for a scholarship valued at \$2,500 and including numerous other benefits. It is interested in funding a student pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Administration or Public Policy that has a desire to work in city or county management. The scholarship includes:

- **\$2,000** towards your 2007-2008 education
- **\$500** towards WCMA Summer Conference attendance, August 14-17, Walla Walla, WA
- WCCMA membership
- **Deep discounts** towards attendance at the International City/County Management (ICMA) Conference, October 7-10, Pittsburgh, PA
- **Mentoring** by a city or county manager

Applicants must attend a graduate program in Washington or reside in Washington and attend a graduate program in a neighboring state.

WCCMA Background

WCCMA is an affiliate of the International City/County Management Association, an organization devoted to enhancing the proficiency of city managers, county managers, and other municipal administrators. The primary goal of the Washington City/County Management Association is to increase the knowledge, proficiency, quality and professionalism of local government management by providing education, information, and support services to members and their agencies. WCCMA encourages the development of professional relationships and facilitates the exchange of ideas and information among members. WCCMA

also actively assists the Association of Washington Cities in its programming, legislative efforts, and support role to local government.

Members include managers, administrators, and assistants of municipalities, counties, and other similar government agencies. Persons pursuing the profession of city or county administration, and individuals who have made distinct contributions to the advancement of the field of public administration also are welcome and encouraged to join. Over 250 managers and assistants are currently members of WCCMA.

For more resources available to you, as the next generation of city and county managers, please visit the WCCMA next generation web page at <http://www.wccma.org/newgen.htm>.

Application Process

Interested students should fill out this application and submit it by the **deadline, May 11th, 2007**. Typing in the application document is encouraged. Emailed submittals are HIGHLY DESIRED but mailed or faxed submittals will be considered. Information submitted will be verified prior to the selection of a winner. Please return all application materials to:

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Questions during the application period are welcomed.

A committee of current Washington city and county managers will review the applications. All applicants will be notified of the outcome during late June or early July.

WCCMA Scholarship Application

General Information

Name:

School Contact Information

School Mailing Address:

School Phone Number:

School Email Address:

Home Information (if different)

Home Mailing Address:

Home Phone Number:

Home Email Address:

Education

Graduate Institution:

Degree Program:

Graduate Years Remaining:

Graduate GPA (if applicable):

Graduate Awards/Honors:

Undergraduate Institution:

Major(s):

Overall GPA:

Undergraduate Awards/Honors:

Work Experience

Provide a brief overview of your work experience that has applicability to your future city/county management career, including internships:

Community Service/Civic Activities

Provide a brief overview of your community service/civic activities that have applicability to your future city/county management career:

Essays

- 1) Describe your reason(s) for choosing a career in city/county management (500 words or less).
- 2) Tell us why you would be the best choice for this scholarship (500 words or less).
- 3) What do you hope to gain from your experiences in receiving this scholarship (500 words or less)?

Supplemental Information

Please include the following items with your application:

- One official copy of your undergraduate transcripts
- One official copy of your graduate transcripts (if applicable)
- Two letters of reference, one from a previous or current undergraduate of graduate academic instructor and the other from a previous or current work supervisor.

An initial unofficial copy of your transcripts is sufficient to meet the deadline but must be followed by an official copy of them.