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**2008
STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION PACKET**

BE SURE TO:

1. ANSWER **ALL** QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION.
2. INCLUDE THE **REQUIRED** SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM CHAPTER OFFICERS AND FACULTY ADVISORS MAY BE SUBMITTED. THEY WILL BE USED AS BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND NOT FOR EVALUATION.
3. COMPLETE **REQUIRED** CAREER AND EDUCATIONAL GOALS STATEMENT CONTAINED IN PACKET.
4. **MAIL FIVE (5) COPIES OF YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

Dr. Archie Rainey
Scholarship Chairman
PO Box 601047
Sacramento, CA 95860-1047

All five copies MUST be included at the time of submission. Applications will be DISQUALIFIED if five copies are not included at the time of submission.

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2007. LATE AND/OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARDS. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

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, Dr. Archie Rainey at (706) 568-2190 or email: rainey_archie@colstate.edu.

SIZE OF 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:

1st PLACE	\$400
2nd PLACE	\$200
3RD PLACE	\$100

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen. **They 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 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 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 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 should be requested and **returned on or before December 31, 2007** in order to be considered for the **2008 awards**. **Mail FIVE COPIES of the completed application** to the Scholarship Committee Chairman named on the front of the application packet. 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 or priority filing date.

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 selecting recipients.

HOW DO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS RECEIVE THE FUNDS

Stipends will be presented at the National Conference or mailed directly to the recipient 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. 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. Incomplete applications **WILL NOT** be considered for awards.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

STUDENT INFORMATION

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 _____ Social Security No. _____

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 OFFICIAL GRADE TRANSCRIPTS

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: _____

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 PROGRAM

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:

CERTIFIED SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

Copies of certified grade transcripts **MUST** be included 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 papers to: Dr. Archie Rainey, Scholarship Chairman, PO Box 601047, Sacramento, CA 95860-1047.

NOTE: ALL BOXES MUST BE CHECKED TO QUALIFY FOR SCHOLARSHIP. PLEASE SUBMIT FIVE COPIES OF ALL MATERIALS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE AWARD.



- I am a member in good standing of ACJA/LAE. **(both at the time of submission and at the time of awards).**

ATTENTION: Membership is verified at the time the Scholarship Application is received. If you pay 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 the submission date. If your dues are not paid at the time of submission (either individually or by your chapter), you will be eliminated from the competition.

- I am currently enrolled in a recognized course of study directly (or indirectly) associated with the criminal justice field.
- I have submitted certified copies of my grade transcripts.
- 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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