



AMERICAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION
LAMBDA ALPHA EPSILON

STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION APPLICATION

STUDENT INFORMATION:

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 _____ Social Security No. _____

Date of Birth _____ Student is:
Month Day Year 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. (if known) _____ Region _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2008 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 (**both at the time of submission and at the time of the awards**). Membership applications may accompany entries. Those with terminal degrees are not eligible.

ATTENTION: Membership is verified at the time the Student Paper 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.

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 copies of the paper **MUST** be submitted along with the paper on disk or CD indicating what program and version was used for the word processing. **Entries WITHOUT three (3) hard copies and an electronic copy (EITHER CD OR DISK) will be disqualified. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Each entrant **MUST** also submit three (3) completed copies of this **STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION APPLICATION** along with the paper. **Entries submitted WITHOUT three (3) completed copies of the Application will be disqualified. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Deadline for Entries: Entries must be received **on or before January 31, 2008** at the following address: ACJA/LAE National Student Paper Competition, PO Box 601047, Sacramento, CA 95860-1047.

Judging Procedures: After membership is verified by the National Office, all entries will be mailed to Dr. William Blount, University of South Florida, Chairman of this year's competition. All questions regarding this Competition should be directed to Dr. Blount at (813) 974-9704 or email: wrblount@hotmail.com. 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 **\$150, 1st place; \$100, 2nd place; and \$50, 3rd place.** Certificates will also be presented to the winners. The actual awards will be made at the Awards Banquet at the **Annual Conference in April 2008.** Winners will be notified, in writing, and checks and certificates will be mailed to those not in attendance. **First-Place winning papers in each Division will be printed in 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 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 hours and no less than 12 semester hours/18 quarter hours.