APPENDIX NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR COURT MANAGEMENT GRADUATE JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP

The National Association for Court Management (NACM) is a nonprofit professional association with membership of over 1,800 members worldwide. NACM's purpose is to increase the proficiency of those who manage Courts through the exchange of information.

PURPOSE

NACM's purpose in providing this annual scholarship is to promote the court management profession by recognizing those students who are working towards a graduate level degree to increase their knowledge, skills and abilities in the field of court administration. The scholarship opportunity supports NACM's National Agenda by supporting professional court management education at the university or college level. The scholarship also provides an opportunity to enhance partnerships, mentor young professionals and provide educational related opportunities while promoting the field of court administration and membership in NACM.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be a current NACM regular or student member who is enrolled, full or part-time, in a graduate level degree program in or related to pursuing or furthering a career in judicial administration.

AMOUNT OF AWARD

The amount of the scholarship may vary depending on the availability of funds, the number of applicants and the number of scholarships awarded. Typically, awards are \$1,000 each.

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

Each August, or as otherwise directed by the Board, the Membership Services Committee will publicize the availability of the scholarship to all NACM members and to known universities that offer a graduate degree in judicial administration in an effort to inform students. Student applicants must apply not later than September 30th, or as otherwise directed, per the application as outlined. The Membership Services Committee will evaluate applications during the month of October and decide on the awardee not later than October 31st, or as otherwise directed, and then make a recommendation to the Board of Directors. A subcommittee may be appointed for this purpose. In considering the applications, the reviewers should take the following into consideration:

- 1. NACM committee work/other activity and length of time as a NACM member
- 2. Prior court work history and future court-related career goals
- 3. Current graduate study course workload, progress and grades in the selected program
- 4. Letter(s) of recommendation from faculty, if applicable
- 5. Applicability of the selected field of study to the applicant's stated career goals
- 6. Demonstration of need may be considered although this is a merit-based award.

The awardee shall be informed by the Membership Services Committee in writing not later than January 1st, or as otherwise directed. The student shall have the option of receiving the award directly, or to have the award sent to the university. The latter option may be advantageous in some circumstances if the university has agreed to match the award as a NACM partner.

The NACM Association Services administers the scholarship. All awards are final and presented without regard to race, religion, creed, sex, or national origin.