## NA National Association for Court Management Strengthening Court Professionals

# **CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

The National Association for Court Management (NACM) is committed to providing quality educational opportunities to court administration professionals. In furtherance of that goal, NACM is pleased to announce the availability of conference scholarship funds for the 2022 NACM Midyear Conference.

#### How may the 2022 NACM Midyear Conference Scholarship Funds be used?

NACM seeks to award a limited number of conference scholarships for the 2022 Midyear Conference in Bellevue, Washington February 20-22, 2022. Scholarships will be awarded to pay for the scholarship recipients' conference registration fee, or airfare/alternative transportation **up to \$500.00**. If an applicant's preference is to travel via an alternate method other than commercial air carrier, the applicant must certify that the costs of the alternate method of travel (at the time of booking/arrangements) was less expensive than the lowest commercial economy airfare.

#### Who is eligible to apply for the NACM Conference Scholarship?

Any current NACM member is eligible to apply for the NACM Conference Scholarship.

#### Award selection:

All applicants must demonstrate the unavailability of state and local funds to partially or fully fund the costs of attending the 2022 NACM Midyear Conference. Priority will be given to candidates who are officers of state court associations (one officer per state association) and may be given to candidates who have demonstrated stewardship to NACM.

#### **Application guidelines:**

- 1. Applicants must submit a letter of support from their court administrator, presiding judge, or other senior executive (see form provided with the application). The letter may be submitted via email to <a href="mailto:nacm@ncsc.org">nacm@ncsc.org</a>.
- 2. Applications will be reviewed by the NACM Membership Committee's Conference Scholarship Subcommittee, which will then make recommendations to the NACM Board for approval.
- 3. A scholarship recipient who subsequently leaves a position from their respective court prior to the event, or cancels their attendance for any reason, will forfeit the scholarship and will no longer be eligible to use that scholarship. Any costs incurred by NACM must be reimbursed by the scholarship recipient or sponsoring employer.
- 4. Applicants must agree to volunteer for a minimum of 3 hours during the NACM Midyear Conference. Examples of volunteer work include serving as a conference attendee greeter, serving as a host for a NACM educational session, assisting with the Early Career Professionals Fundraiser or general conference assistance.
- 5. Applicants must certify they plan to attend, in its entirety, the conference for which they received a scholarship.
- 6. A written testimonial summary on conference benefits must be submitted within 30 days of the last day of the conference. I agree to allow NACM to use my testimonial and other material for NACM marketing purposes.

#### How do I apply for the NACM Conference Scholarship?

Please complete the NACM Conference Scholarship application on NACM's website at https://nacmnet.org/resources/scholarships-offered-by-nacm/ or https://nacmnet.org/conferences/2022midyearconference/.

#### Award distribution:

NACM will cover only the costs for an applicants' conference registration or airfare. If registration has been booked and paid for, NACM will refund the cost of the awardee's registration. Should the applicant be approved for reimbursement for airfare or mileage, the award distribution will be made in the form of reimbursement after the conclusion of the conference upon compliance with the NACM Travel Reimbursement Policy.

The request for reimbursement must be made within 30 days of the last day of the conference; requests received after that date will result in forfeiture of any requested reimbursement under the scholarship award. Upon good cause, the NACM Board may approve an extension of this timeframe. Any tax consequences because of the scholarship award shall be the sole responsibility of the scholarship recipient.

#### **Application deadline:**

The application deadline is <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 29</u>, <u>2021</u>, <u>at 5:00 PM EST</u>. Applications received after that date will not be considered. Applicants will be notified of approval or denial no later than January 7, 2022.

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> Scholarship Application for the 2022 NACM Midyear Conference February 20-22, 2022, Bellevue, Washington

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 29, 2021**

Name:	Position:
Court/Organization:	Phone:
Address:	Fax:
	Email:
Current NACM Member Yes, I have been a NACM member since No (Note: Applicants must be a current NACM member; to join NACM, please visit our website at <a href="https://nacmnet.org/join-us/">https://nacmnet.org/join-us/</a> .)	
Stewardship to NACM   As a member of NACM, I have served as (check all that apply):   Committee Member (indicate committees & dates)   Committee Chair (indicate committees & dates)   Board Member (indicate dates)   Faculty (indicate program and dates)   Other   Officer of a Court or State Association   (Priority will only be given for one Officer per Association)   I am currently an officer in the following court association:   President   Vice-President   Vice-President   Vice-President   I was a previous NACM Conference Scholarship Recipient:   Yes (Year Awarded:   I was a previous NACM Conference Scholarship Recipient:	

I am requesting a Conference Scholarship from NACM to attend the 2022 Midyear Conference due to the unavailability of court funds for this purpose. I hereby certify that state and local funds are not available to fully cover the costs of attending the conference. Due to the fact NACM will cover only the costs for the applicants' conference registration or airfare, there will not be any reimbursement to the applicant (see Scholarship Guidelines). I will attend the 2022 Midyear Conference in its entirety and will volunteer three (3) hours. I have read the Scholarship Criteria, including the provision for reimbursing costs to NACM if I leave my position or cancel attendance.

I am requesting a scholarship to offset the costs of the following:

Airfare (up to \$500.00)

Alternate Travel (see Scholarship Guidelines for eligibility)

Conference registration fee

Signature: \_\_\_\_

Date:



# LETTER OF SUPPORT

Ι,

(court administrator, presiding judge, other senior executive)

, support the attendance of

(applicant)

at the National Association for Court Management (NACM) 2022 Midyear Conference in Bellevue, Washington. Court funding is not available to cover the full cost of Applicant's attendance.

I recognize that the receipt by Applicant of a scholarship from NACM will result in funds committed by NACM and Applicant's cancellation of attendance may result in NACM requesting reimbursement of costs incurred.

Signature

Name

Title

Date