

West Virginia Criminal Justice Educator's Association (WVCJEA) Conference Scholar's Award

The WVCJEA Conference Scholar's Award provides an opportunity for WVCJEA eligible students to attend and present their scholarly work in an academic setting at the annual conference.

Goals

- Increase students participation at the WVCJEA Annual Conference
- Provide students with an opportunity to develop their scholarly activities
- Decrease barriers to student participation in scholarly activity

Award

4 scholarships will be awarded. Each award is valued at \$250 to cover overnight stay in a hotel room, food, and gas/travel monies. Additionally, the registration fee will be waived for Scholar's award recipients. Funds will be distributed by check to awardees at the end of the conference (usually Friday afternoon).

Eligibility

In the year of application, candidates must:

- Be enrolled as a student (graduate or undergraduate) at a participating WVCJEA school
- Submit a paper to the Student Paper Competition AND present their research in a poster or oral presentation (in panel or as speaker)
- Live 90 miles or further away from the site of the conference
- Students enrolled at the hosting institution are not eligible for the Conference Scholar's Award.

Criteria

The award committee will consist of 3 members of the WVCJEA including the 1st Vice-President, a member of the hosting institution (or proxy), and a volunteer member. Members will represent different institutions and serve no more than 3 consecutive years.

The committee will score applicants on the following criteria:

- Paper abstract (15 points)
- Presentation abstract (15 points)
- Personal Statement (20 points)

The committee will strive to achieve balance and diversity among research topics and home institutions.

Rubrics for scoring and the application can be found at our website: www.wvcjea.com