

APCO INSTITUTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SILENT KEY

AND

CORPORATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM

Application Information and Instructions

The Silent Key Scholarship program was initiated as a means of remembering and honoring individuals who have participated in APCO, contributed to APCO, and meant a great deal to APCO members. By remembering these individuals who mean so much to us, they continue to contribute to our organization even beyond the years we were privileged to have them in our midst. The scholarships afford these individuals an eternal means of helping to develop those who will follow in their footsteps as leaders, mentors, and public safety communications professionals.

The Corporate Advisory Committee (CAC) Scholarship Program Fund was initiated by the Commercial/Corporate Advisory Committee as a means for its commercial members to give back to the public safety community. Scholarship funds are received through the CAC and administered by APCO Institute. Fund donations are accepted throughout the year and disbursed for public safety job-related training.

Application of Scholarship Funds

It is the goal of the Institute Advisory Committee (ADCOMM) to see these scholarships used as professional development tools in a diverse and changing industry.

Scholarship recipients must be current APCO Members and maintain APCO membership throughout the scholarship period.

Scholarship funds may be used for the APCO Institute or the APCO Virtual College at Jacksonville State University. The funds may apply to books, tuition, and/or registration costs for approved classes and programs. Up to \$500 of the award may be applied to travel or living expenses to attend an APCO International Conference. Applicants must bear responsibility for payment of all costs, and will be reimbursed only upon satisfactory completion of the course or class.

Completion of Funded Courses

Scholarship recipients must return certificates of course completion to APCO within 30 days of course completion in order to process the reimbursement. All courses must be scheduled prior to the closure of the scholarship period, July 1 – June 30, and completed within 60 days of the end of the scholarship period.

Applications

Applicants should meet the following standards:

- Currently employed in the Public Safety Communications field.
- Have accumulated at least one year of experience within public safety with at least eight months of continuous service.
- Scholarship applicants must be current APCO Members and maintain APCO membership throughout the scholarship period.
- Demonstrate a commitment to high career standards with long term goals in public safety communications.
- Demonstrate commitment to continuing education and self improvement.
- Submit a completed application within the prescribed time frame.

Application Time Line

Announcement of the application for scholarships will be made in the February and March issues of Public Safety Communications magazine. The application deadline will be March 31st with award notifications being made following a review by the Board of Officers.

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed and scored by the Institute Advisory Committee. The ADCOMM will provide their recommendations to the Board of Officers for review prior to award notification.