

Student Scholarship Mini-Grant Travel Awards for People of Color and Women

Deadline: December 1, 2026

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The intent of the Award is to provide deserving undergraduate, master's or doctoral level racial/ethnic minority and/or female students with travel scholarships to participate in the Annual Meeting and to present a research paper. The purpose is to promote the involvement of all minority groups in the Academy. Two students (one at the Master's level and another at the Ph.D. level) will receive funding in the amount of \$600 each to apply towards travel to the annual 2027 ACJS conference. Scholarship awards are to be based on merit, not need.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for the award, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a woman or a member of a racial/ethnic group that has experienced historical discrimination.
2. Be enrolled in an undergraduate, master's, or doctoral program of criminal justice/criminology program during some part of the academic year for the Annual Meeting at which the presentation will be made.
3. The applicant must have submitted a proposal for a paper presentation for the Annual Meeting on the ACJS website by the due date.
4. The applicant must be willing and able to attend the Annual Meeting and present the paper described in the website submission.
5. The paper can be self-submitted by the applicant student or submitted on the student's behalf by a faculty member.
6. The paper submitted by the applicant may be co-authored with a faculty member; however, the student must be the first author and presenter.

Application Process:

1. Submit a letter of application.
2. Submit one hard copy and one electronic copy of either:
 - A. A completed manuscript examining a criminal justice/criminological issue. Papers may be theoretical or describe a qualitative or quantitative research project. Completed papers should be no more than 30 pages in length. OR

B. A proposal that outlines a paper as described in 2.A. above that the applicant will present at the ACJS annual meeting for which the mini grant will be given. This proposal should be a maximum of 10 pages, double-spaced, typed. It should discuss:

(a) the nature of the research topic, (b) why the research is important, and where relevant, (c) the methods used, (d) the findings of the research, and (e) the theoretical, methodological, and/or policy implications of the results.

3. Proof of the student's current enrollment and program of study.
4. Evidence that the student's abstract has been accepted for presentation at the annual meeting.
5. Documentary evidence that the student will be attending the annual meeting and present the paper cited above (photocopy of airline tickets, and/or hotel reservations).

Papers will be reviewed by a panel of ACJS Affirmative Action Committee members for organization, clarity of presentation, and quality of the theoretical/methodological work. While a nominee may submit a single paper for multiple awards, a single paper may only be the basis for one ACJS scholarship award each year.

Notification of mini-grant awards will be given in December 2026. Recipients also receive complimentary two-year ACJS Student membership. Recipients are required to submit receipts to receive reimbursement for their expenses.