

ACJS National Criminal Justice Month Awards

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The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences' National Criminal Justice Month Committee is accepting nominations for awards in recognition of National Criminal Justice Month events. Three plaques will be awarded to academic departments, schools, colleges, and/or universities for National Criminal Justice Month celebrations that focus on **education, community engagement, as well as an overall program of the year award**. Efforts will be made to highlight the award winners on the ACJS website as well as in *ACJS Today*. For more information on National Criminal Justice Month please visit:

<https://www.acjs.org/national-cj-month/>.

Education Award

The intent of this award is to recognize a National Criminal Justice Month event for the educational impact on students and the community. Applications will be assessed on the relevancy and quality of the event, as well as the impact of the event (e.g., number of people in attendance). One winning department will be selected for this award.

Community Engagement Award

The intent of this award is to recognize a National Criminal Justice Month event that meaningfully engages the community on criminal justice issues and topics. Successful events will typically include student engagement with a local criminal justice agency. One winning department will be selected for this award.

Program of the Year

The intent of this award is to recognize an academic department that successfully showcases a range of National Criminal Justice Month events. Departments that actively engage in several varied National Criminal Justice Month events will be considered. One winning department will be selected for this award.

Eligibility:

1. The person submitting the application must be a current member of ACJS.
2. The event(s) must have taken place during the month of March 2025 (National Criminal Justice Month).

Application Process*:

1. Submit a letter of application describing the National Criminal Justice

Month event(s). The narrative of the letter should address the background of the academic department and provide a full description of the event in the context of the award category.

2. Submit any supplementary material to support the application. Examples include pictures, video links, survey results, and letters of support from local criminal justice agencies.

*Applications may be made for each of the three awards, but departments are only eligible to win one award per year.