



Student Travel Scholarship

The Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) is pleased to announce a call for applications for its Student Travel Scholarship (STS). The STS provides funding to offset the costs of students attending and presenting at MCJA's Annual Meeting.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

An applicant must meet the criteria for "student" as defined by the MCJA Constitution (Article III, Section 3): an undergraduate or graduate student, "...enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education." Student must provide confirmation of their enrollment in at least 1 credit hour at an accredited institution of higher education during the fall semester in which they will attend and present at the MCJA annual conference. A letter or an email from a faculty member at the applicant's institution which states the student is enrolled in at least 1 credit hour will be sufficient to establish eligibility.

Applicants must also submit the email confirmation from submitting a paper or poster for conference participation in the 2025 MCJA Annual Meeting to be held [September 25 and 26, 2025 in Chicago](#). The applicant does not have to be first author on the submitted paper or poster, but must be the lead presenter of the paper/poster.

Applicants must submit an essay of 500 words or less that describes their contribution to the project underpinning their paper or poster submission. This essay may be written by the student, a faculty advisor, or both.

Applicants may not have received the STS during the two Annual Meetings prior to the 2025 meeting.

Applicants must complete their poster/paper presentation at the 2025 MCJA Annual Meeting in order to receive the award after selection.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

To nominate a student for this award, please submit proof of student status and the email confirming paper/poster submission to the 2025 MCJA Annual Meeting to mcja@mcja.org with "Student Travel Scholarship" in the subject line. The letter should also include full contact information for the nominee. Self-nominations are acceptable.

Nominations should be received no later than **July 15th, 2025**.

The Executive Board will notify awardees by **August 1st, 2025**.

AWARDS AND DISTRIBUTION

MCJA anticipates up to four STS of \$500 each will be made.

MCJA reserves the right to make fewer than four or zero awards.

Awardees will receive check/cash awards at the 2025 MCJA Annual Meeting's Business Meeting, which will be held at approximately 4pm on September 26th, 2025.