



## **Washington State Misdemeanant Probation Association Continuing Education Scholarship**

Washington State Misdemeanant Probation Association (MPA) is a nonprofit professional association with over 200 members statewide. MPA's purpose is to bring integrity, quality, continuity and effectiveness to misdemeanor probation services in Washington State.

MPA will award Continuing Education Scholarships in the amount of \$600 or less for registration assistance to qualifying educational/training programs i.e.: MRT facilitator training; risk screening tool training; state conferences for professional organizations; national/international professional conferences such as APPA; NACM; NADCP; World Congress of Probation or other trainings as deemed beneficial to the field of probation. *This scholarship is not for the MPA Annual Conference.*

### **PURPOSE**

MPA's purpose is to promote continuing education amongst our officers and to recognize probation staff who are working towards providing greater knowledge and/or services to their jurisdictions and MPA.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must have at least three years of probation/court experience and be a current MPA member at the time of their application for the Continuing Education Scholarship. You may apply throughout the course of your career, however an individual award limit of \$1,000 in Continuing Education Scholarships will be enforced.

### **TO APPLY**

Applications must be submitted to the Education/Training Co-Chairs no later than 10<sup>th</sup> of January, April, July and October of each year for priority consideration. Applications must include:

1. A letter of interest that addresses the three questions on the application form;
2. A brief letter of support from your court administrator, probation director, or judge; and
3. A copy of the training/conference agenda; registration form or announcement of program.

### **APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS**

The MPA Board of Directors will conduct a blind review of all completed applications quarterly at each board meeting. The Board of Directors will award up to \$1,500 in Continuing Education Scholarships each year. If a Board Member applies for a scholarship they will be removed from the scholarship review board for that application period. All applicants will be given prompt notice of the board's decision.

The recipient must submit for reimbursement of their award within the calendar year awarded. Announcement and special recognition of the winners will occur annually at the MPA Conference and in the quarterly newsletter. Additionally, each award winner will need to submit a brief summary of the benefits of the program they attended with scholarship funds for publication in the conference program.

MPA administers the award. All awards are final and presented without regard to race, religion, creed, sex or national origin.

For further information contact MPA Education/Training Co-Chairs:  
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**Washington State Misdemeanant Probation Association  
Continuing Education Scholarship Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Probation/Courts \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED FROM MPA \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*MPA covers registration costs only.*

*Lodging, meal per diem costs, and travel are the individual or agency's responsibility.*

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Have you previously applied for a Continuing Education Scholarship? Yes  No

If yes, were you awarded a scholarship? Yes  No  If yes, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please submit a letter of interest (no less than one typed page and no more than three typed pages) that addresses the following questions:

What would be the benefits to your jurisdiction and/or MPA if you participate in this training/conference?

What other options have you explored to finance this training or conference? If not awarded a scholarship from MPA will you forego this training/conference?

How does this training/conference fit into your career goals?

Any additional comments or information pertinent to this application.

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Signature

Date