

AWARD, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO ASLCS MEMBERS



NCSL Legislative Staff Achievement Award

This award is given annually at the NCSL Legislative Summit to designated individuals or offices who have demonstrated excellence in supporting the work of a state legislature and strengthening the legislative institution. ASLCS may nominate up to two individuals from its staff section.

ASLCS encourages nominations from its members. Recipients will be selected by a special committee appointed by the ASLCS president for this purpose.

Nomination deadline for 2017: April 26.

The president may also seek nominations for the Innovation, Joseph A. Beek, Distinguished Associate, and Life Membership awards.

Associate Exchange Program

The Associate Exchange Program (AEP) provides associate members of the society an opportunity to enhance their professional knowledge and capabilities by participating in an exchange program with legislative chambers in other states. Selected participants will spend between three and five days working with their host chamber.

Associates who wish to participate in the AEP must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a member of the society.
- Have attended an ASLCS meeting or NCSL Legislative Summit, or worked for the legislature for a minimum of two years.
- Demonstrate outstanding job performance and exhibit leadership abilities in his or her current position.
- Demonstrate the potential for continued contributions to his or her legislature and the society.
- Complete a written application, including a brief description of why he or she hopes to be selected and what he or she hopes to gain from participating in the AEP.

Applications should be endorsed by their principal and submitted to the Support Staff Committee through the NCSL staff liaison. The Support Staff Committee chair shall recommend a maximum of four participants and two alternates to the ASLCS Executive Committee, which has final authority over the selection of program participants. Each participant is eligible to receive a minimum of \$500 toward expenses.

Application deadline: Late fall.

Betty King Scholarship for the Legislative Staff Management Institute (LSMI)

The Betty King Scholarship was established to assist ASLCS members with tuition costs in attending the Legislative Staff Management Institute. It was named in honor of Betty King, an active member of the ASLCS for 24 years. Betty King served as president of the society in 1984-85, was the NCSL staff chair in 1987-88, received the Joseph A. Beek Distinguished Service Award in 1993, and received the NCSL Legislative Staff Achievement Award in 2000. Betty King became the 37th Texas secretary of the Senate on Jan. 11, 1977, after being a Senate staff member for 28 years. She went on to become the longest-serving secretary of the Senate in Texas history before her retirement on June 1, 2001.

The Betty King Scholarship, which covers half of the tuition, will be awarded to both principal and associate members of the society and funded from the Professional Development Revolving Account. (Note: LSMI tuition for 2017 is \$2,975.) Associate members must secure a letter of endorsement from their principal clerk/secretary. Once a society member has been chosen by the Institute to attend LSMI, ASLCS scholarship awards must be approved by the ASLCS Executive Committee before funds are disbursed.

LSMI application deadline for 2017: May 5.

Betty King Scholarship applications should be submitted following acceptance to LSMI.

Edward A. Burdick Memorial Scholarship

The Edward A. Burdick Memorial Scholarship was established to assist ASLCS Associate members with costs associated with attending the society's annual professional development seminar. The Ed Burdick Scholarship provides a stipend of \$750 each for two associate members to attend the ASLCS PDS each year.

Ed Burdick (1921-2011) was the former chief clerk and parliamentarian of the Minnesota House of Representatives. He served as chief clerk for 38 years and was an employee of the Minnesota House for 62 years. He served as ASLCS president from 1971-1972, was the first recipient of the Joseph A. Beek Distinguished Service Award in 1983 and received NCSL's Legislative Staff Achievement Award in 2002. The scholarship program was established in recognition of and to honor Burdick's many years of public service and dedication to the society.

Associate members must submit a letter to the ASLCS Executive Committee through the NCSL staff liaison requesting the stipend, along with an endorsement letter by his/her principle clerk or secretary. Applications will be evaluated by the ASLCS Executive Committee, which will decide on the two recipients. To offer an opportunity for as many as possible to receive a scholarship, those awarded a scholarship will not be eligible in future years.

Thanks to Thomson Reuters for funding the 2017 Scholarship!

Application deadline: July 1.

Jane Richards Scholarship

This scholarship is established to assist both principal and associate members with costs associated with participation in the Canadian-American Exchange Program.

Jane Richards, a former 32-year employee of the Arizona House of Representatives, was elected chief clerk in November 1979 and retired in October 1992. She served as president of ASLCS from 1985-1986

and was granted life membership in 2008. In 1992, Richards became the first non-Canadian to be awarded honorary membership in the Canadian Clerks-at-the-Table. This scholarship is in recognition of her many years of nonpartisan public service and her long-standing dedication to ASLCS and to the advancement of American-Canadian relations.

The Jane Richards Scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded biennially to one member of the society. Members—both principals and associates—may apply for the scholarship by submitting a letter outlining why they hope to be selected and how participating in the exchange program will enrich their professional knowledge. Associate members must have their letter endorsed by their principal and should be submitted to the ASLCS Executive Committee through the NCSL staff liaison.

Application deadline: July 1.

Millicent “Millie” MacFarland Memorial Scholarship

The Millicent “Millie” MacFarland Memorial Scholarship was established in recognition and honor of MacFarland’s many years of nonpartisan service and dedication to the society to assist principal members with costs associated with attending the professional development seminar.

MacFarland (1956-2014) was chief clerk and parliamentarian of the Maine House of Representatives from 2000-2010 and 2013-2014; from 1978-2000, she served as calendar clerk, chief calendar clerk and assistant clerk. During her membership in ASLCS, she served as president from 2008-2009 and received the NCSL Legislative Staff Achievement Award in 1997.

The Millicent “Millie” MacFarland Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded annually to no more than two principal members of the society. To offer an opportunity for as many as possible to receive a scholarship, those awarded a scholarship will not be eligible in future years.

A principal member interested in the scholarship shall submit a letter outlining why he or she hopes to be awarded the scholarship. Letters are to be submitted to the ASLCS Executive Committee through the NCSL staff liaison.

Application deadline: July 1.

Questions? Need more information?

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