

PROGRAM HISTORY

In 1956, Clarence E. Ridley retired after serving 27 years as executive director of the International City/County Management Association. At their annual meeting that year, members of the Texas City Management Association (TCMA) decided to honor him in a way consistent with their goals and Mr. Ridley's personal commitment to the profession of municipal management. They did so by establishing a scholarship program in his name to assist students pursuing advanced degrees in public administration in qualified Texas colleges and universities. At least one student has received a grant under the program every year since the initial award was made in 1957. Individual scholarships have been increased over the years from \$600 per year to the current level of \$3,500. Further, the recipient's university receives a \$1,500 credit toward Texas Municipal League and TCMA educational events. City management practitioners recognize the prestige of the Ridley Scholarship and the honor it carries for both the student and the academic institution he or she represents.

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III. WORK EXPERIENCE

List in chronological order (beginning with most recent) all work experience you have had since graduation from high school.

Month/Year From To	Name of Business	Position Held	Salary (per month)	Reason for Leaving
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

IV. RECOGNITION AND HONORS

School (include honor societies) _____

Community (church and civic activities) _____

Professional _____

Other _____

V. FIRST LEARNED OF THE RIDLEY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FROM

- ____ Texas City Management Association online newsletter
- ____ My college professors
- ____ My college financial assistance or scholarship office
- ____ A city manager
- ____ TCMA Web site
- ____ Other _____

VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

1. An official transcript is sealed and received through your university/college office of the registrar. An official transcript of all college work (showing graduate and undergraduate degrees, courses, credits, and grades) must accompany this application.
2. This application and attachments should be forwarded with a letter of no more than two pages in length explaining why you want to enter the city management field, reasons for selecting the particular school you have, your commitment to the profession, and why you believe you should be considered for this scholarship.
3. Please secure the endorsement of three adults who have known you as a member of the community in which you live, as an employee, or as a college student. One of these must be a professor under whom you have done major work. Ask each of these individuals to prepare a letter concerning your ability, honesty, conduct, health, and personal habits, together with an evaluation of your potential for a career in public service. Direct them to mail these letters directly to the chair of the Selection Committee at TCMA's address listed below.

VII. NOTES

1. The period of the scholarship award is one year (24-30 hours of course credit), commencing with the fall semester.
2. The following criteria are suggested for your use in selecting an acceptable public administration program:
 - (a) a separate and identifiable program in public administration
 - (b) an identifiable public administration director or coordinator
 - (c) an urban management course curriculum
 - (d) an identifiable core of at least 10 graduate students in public administration
 - (e) a record of operation for at least one year
 - (f) an internship for credit of at least one semester duration
 - (g) a history of providing city manager types
3. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

I understand and agree that if I am selected as a scholarship finalist, I am required to complete an in-person interview.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Return this application no later than **5:00 p.m. on January 8, 2021** to:

Texas City Management Association
C/O Ridley Scholarship
1821 Rutherford Lane, Suite 400, Austin, Texas 78754-5128

For questions contact Emily Hughes at emily@tml.org or 512-231-7482.

PAST RECIPIENTS

1957-58 Homer Foerster
 1958-59 Bruce Dunn
 1959-60 Stan Neuse
 1960-61 E. H. Underwood
 1961-62 David Tees
 1962-63 Ed Wagoner
 1963-64 James DeBerry
 1964-65 John Joyce
 1965-66 James F. Ray, C. Brooks
 Barker, Paul Davis
 1966-67 Robert Weaver, William Pierce,
 Don Davis
 1967-68 Larry Kincannon, John Crane
 1968-69 Henry Cisneros, Clayton Brown
 1969-70 Ronald Corley, Dale Burton
 1970-71 Larry Brinkley
 1971-72 James Rankin
 1972-73 Dick Tate
 1973-74 Sandra G. Gonzales
 1974-75 C. Ray Jackson
 1975-76 Terry L. Childers
 1976-77 William A. Keffler
 1977-78 William E. Verner
 1978-79 Alexia Griffin, Dan Johnson
 1979-80 Peter Greenberg
 1980-81 Caroline Rapp-Urban
 1981-82 Mervil Johnson, Susan Thorpe,
 Mildred Ellis-Farmer
 1982-83 Joseph D. LaBeau
 1983-84 Victor Boyer
 1984-85 Susan Kelly
 1985-86 Mark L. McDaniel
 1986-87 Glen Hackler
 1987-88 Donna Starling
 1988-89 Carolyn Dersch
 1989-90 Elizabeth Gray
 1990-91 Chris Terry
 1991-92 Jon Fortune
 1992-93 Tomas Gonzalez
 1993-94 Roger Arriaga

1994-95 Lori Hill-Harlan
 1995-96 Katherine Ortiz
 1996-97 Rebecca Beck
 1997-98 David Morgan,
 Danette Scudder
 1998-99 Wendy Smith Sturgis
 1999-2000 Philip Klein
 2000-01 Stacy Higgins Gilley
 2001-02 Brian Marshall
 2002-03 Jason Batchelor
 2003-04 Jose Madriral, Jr.,
 Kacey Thomas
 Chris Ekrut
 2004-05 Eugene Anthony (E.A.)
 2005-06 Hoppe IV
 David Schwartz
 2006-07 Micah Grau
 2007-08 Thomas "Tommy" Garcia,
 Susan Manna
 2008-09 Dana Conklin, Cynthia Henry,
 Samantha Woodmancy
 2009-10 Judy Davila, Paul Fagin
 2010-11 Noel Bernal, William Mitchell
 2011-12 Michael Neu, Mendie Schmidt
 2012-13 Francisco Gonzalez,
 2013-14 Cassandra Holtz
 Laure Morgan, Taylor Paton
 2014-15 Martha Bohrt, Andrew Fortune
 2015-16 Shelley Elliott, Misty Ricketts,
 2016-17 Erin Smith
 Sam Masiel, Jamie Minor,
 Terri Toledo
 2017-18 Brittney Huff, Joseph
 2018-19 Resendez, Ashley Wayman
 2019-20 Christopher Byrd,
 Silvia Ordeman
 2020-21 Crayton Brubaker, Vivian Fung,
 Jasmine Johnson

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**Clarence E. Ridley,
 Executive Director
 of The International
 City/County
 Management
 Association (ICMA)
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ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The 2021-2022 Clarence E. Ridley Scholarship, sponsored by the Texas City Management Association, is a \$5,000 educational fellowship for the August 2021–May 2022 academic year. Two graduate students from a Texas university will be awarded \$3,500 to be used for his or her school-related expenses. In addition, the winner's university will be awarded \$1,500 in credit toward Texas City Management Association and Texas Municipal League educational events.

Clarence E. Ridley was born in Armada, Michigan, on March 14, 1891. After receiving a bachelor's degree in civil engineering at the University of Michigan in 1914, he was assistant engineer of Flint, Michigan, for four years. He then became city engineer and water superintendent at Port Arthur, Texas, and after two years went to Columbia University, receiving a master's degree in 1921.

He accepted the appointment as the first city manager of Bluefield, West Virginia, in 1921. After four years, he resigned his post at Bluefield to attend The Maxwell School and complete the requirements for a Ph.D. in public administration, the first city manager to take such a step.

From 1927 to 1929, Clarence Ridley served as staff engineer of the National Institute of Public Administration in New York, devoting part of his time to studying the role universities should play in preparing young persons for city manager careers.

On June 1, 1929, he was named executive director of ICMA. For 27 years, ICMA services were developed, expanded, and perfected by Clarence Ridley. After he retired in 1956, he continued to attend annual meetings of state associations, a number of which made him an honorary member. In June 1962, he was awarded an LLB degree by Syracuse University. The Texas City Management Association established an annual scholarship in his name, and the Clarence E. Ridley In-Service Training Award was developed by ICMA.



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