

# THE CLARENCE E. RIDLEY SCHOLARSHIP

## 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.





# APPLICATION

If more space is needed, staple additional sheets to the application.

## I. PERSONAL

Name (Mr./Mrs./Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Present Address \_\_\_\_\_  
P.O. Box/Street City State Zip

Tel. Number (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. Number (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

## II. EDUCATION

### A. High School and Undergraduate

Name	City/State	Year Graduated	Name of Degree	GPA
High School _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Undergraduate \_\_\_\_\_  
(Attach a copy of your transcript.)

### B. Graduate School (Please complete either 1 or 2.)

1.  Not currently attending, but letter of acceptance attached.

Name of college or university \_\_\_\_\_

Month and year to begin academic work \_\_\_\_\_

Name of degree program \_\_\_\_\_

2.  Currently enrolled in a graduate program as a student in good standing.

Name of college or university \_\_\_\_\_

This college/university:

- Does not offer an internship program as part of my degree program.  
 Does offer an internship program as part of my degree program, but I will not be participating.  
 Does offer an internship program as part of my degree program, and I will be participating in the program.

### C. Financial Need

- Financial need is not a prime consideration.  
 I request consideration of financial need. (Please attach a statement of financial need.)

## 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
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Work Experience (continued)

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. I 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

- An official transcript of all college work (showing graduate and undergraduate degrees, courses, credits, and grades) must accompany this application.
- 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.
- 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

- The period of the scholarship award is one year (24-30 hours of course credit), commencing with the fall semester.
- The following criteria are suggested for your use in selecting an acceptable public administration program:
  - a separate and identifiable program in public administration
  - an identifiable public administration director or coordinator
  - an urban management course curriculum
  - an identifiable core of at least 10 graduate students in public administration
  - a record of operation for at least one year
  - an internship for credit of at least one semester duration
  - a history of providing city manager types

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, 2016, to:

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

## PAST RECIPIENTS

The 2015-2016 Clarence E. Ridley Scholarship, sponsored by the Texas City Management Association, is a \$5,000 educational fellowship for the August 2016–May 2017 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.



**Clarence E. Ridley,  
Executive Director  
of The International  
City/County  
Management  
Association (ICMA)  
from 1929-1956**

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 Madrigal, Jr., Kacey Thomas
2004-05	Chris Ekrut
2005-06	Eugene Anthony (E.A) Hoppe IV
2006-07	David Schwartz
2007-08	Micah Grau
2008-09	Thomas "Tommy" Garica, Susan Manna
2009-10	Dana Conklin, Cynthia Henry, Samantha Woodmancy
2010-11	Judy Davila, Paul Fagin
2011-12	Noel Bernal, William Mitchell
2012-13	Michael Neu, Mendie Schmidt
2013-14	Francisco Gonzalez, Cassandra Holtz
2014-15	Laure Morgan, Taylor Paton
2015-16	Martha Bohrt, Andrew Fortune

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