

Scholarships for Virginia APCO

The Virginia Chapter of APCO (VA APCO), is proud to support its members by offering several types of scholarship opportunities. Every year, the VA APCO Chapter will be supporting opportunities for members to grow in their career through conference attendance, instructional opportunities, and professional development. The categories and requirements are listed below.

VA APCO/NENA Fall Conference Scholarship

Would include registration and lodging for the VA APCO/NENA Fall Conference. Registration of \$250 and 3-nights hotel (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights) typical conference rate of \$150/night or less, plus \$50 towards parking. Estimated cost of \$750 per recipient.

Criteria for being selected:

- First Time Conference Attendee
- Recipient has not been awarded any type of Virginia APCO Scholarship within the last 3 years.
- Letter of Support from Training Manager/ECC Director
- Winners will be announced at the Spring NENA/APCO Conference and will be used at that calendar year's Fall Conference

3 awarded at \$750 each, for total of \$2,250 in this category.

VA APCO Instructional Scholarships

Scholarship to be given for any APCO Institute class (excluding RPL or CPE), either in person, virtual, or online. Average class cost of \$250 to \$550 depending on course selected.

Classes may include Communications Training Officer (CTO), Communications Center Supervisor (CCS), Public Safety Telecommunicator (PST), Fire Service Communications (FSC), Law Enforcement Communications (LEC), Instructor course for CTO, CCS, PST, FSC, or LEC, Customer Service, Active Shooter, Crisis Negotiations, and many others that are listed on the APCO site.

Criteria for being selected:

- Recipient has not been awarded any type of Virginia APCO Scholarship within the last 3 years.
- Letter of Support from Training Manager/ECC Director
- Must use in the calendar year that it is awarded for.
- Agency agreement that the agency is liable for repayment of the funds if the student does not complete the course successfully or leaves the agency prior to completing, unless they leave for another agency in the Virginia APCO Chapter.
- Winners will be announced at the Fall Conference each year and will be valid for the calendar year following the conference.

Up to \$2,000 awarded annually in this category.

VA APCO Professional Development Scholarship

Scholarship to be given for any APCO RPL or CPE course.

Criteria for being selected:

- Recipient has not been awarded any type of Virginia APCO Scholarship within the last 3 years.
- Training Manager/ECC Director letter of support
- Must use within the calendar year that it is awarded for.
- For CPE, the award will be valid for the next two cycles of CPE selection.
- Agency agreement that the agency is liable for repayment of the funds if the student does not complete the course successfully or leaves the agency prior to completing, unless they leave for another agency in the Virginia APCO Chapter.
- Winners will be announced at the Fall Conference each year and will be valid for the calendar year following the conference.

Up to \$1,105 for a RPL course, \$3,885 for CPE course, not to exceed \$4,990 in this category, could be up to four (4) RPL Scholarships if no CPE requests.

Recommendations:

Scholarships will be awarded for the calendar year following the award date. The award date will be at the business meeting of the Fall Conference each year. Scholarships will be good from January 1 to December 31 of the calendar year following the conference. (Example: Award given at Fall 2023 conference would be good for Jan 1 to Dec 31 of 2024.)

Total Yearly Investment of VA APCO Chapter not to exceed \$10,000.

Committee to be appointed to review all submissions.

Committee shall be a diverse group of VA APCO members and chaired by a person appointed by the Chapter President.

Scholarships shall be open each year beginning January 1st and will close on March 15th for awarding of the Fall Conference scholarships at the Spring Conference, held in May each year.

Scholarships for all other categories shall be open from April 1st and will close on September 1st for awarding of the additional scholarships at the Fall Conference, held in October each year.



Virginia Chapter of APCO Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Contact Number: _____

Agency Head Contact Name: _____

Agency Contact Email: _____ Phone: _____

Fall Conference Registration and Lodging

VA APCO Instructional Scholarship

VA APCO Professional Development Scholarship

_____ RPL

_____ CPE

If Instructional Scholarship, please list which APCO Course you are requesting:

Course: _____ Cost: _____

Briefly explain why this course or conference would help benefit your professional development (use additional sheet if needed):

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Briefly explain why we should choose you to attend this course or conference (use additional sheet if needed):

Additional Conditions

- Please include a letter of support from your Training Coordinator, Training Manager, or ECC Director/Manager, showing that they understand the commitment to the training if you are selected.
- Funds cannot be used for lodging, meals, or travel and are at the expense of the Agency. CPE Funds shall not cover the cost of lodging, travel, meals, and other incidentals for the Capstone. CPE Funds can be used for the registration costs only.
- Those selected and/or their agency will be required to reimburse the VA APCO Chapter if they do not successfully complete the course. Agencies will be contacted for students not completing the course and it is up to the agency to determine an agreement regarding the reimbursement of costs prior to the student accepting the scholarship funds.
- Scholarship winners that leave an agency prior to completing the training, that do not remain at another center within Virginia may be asked to reimburse VA APCO for the funds. VA APCO shall consider circumstances such as military moves/orders, and extenuating circumstances.
- Award winners must be a member of the VA APCO Chapter at the time of the award, with either a group membership or individual membership.

Signature of Agency Representative: _____

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: _____

Submit application and documentation to scholarships@virginia-apco.org