

# The Florida City and County Management Association

## THE 2018 FCCMA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIVERSITY ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

DEGREE PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_

ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CREDIT HOURS REMAINING: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you employed by a Florida city or county?  Yes  No  
If so, please state which city or county: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 2, 2018.** Finalists will be invited for oral interviews to be held in Orlando. The total application package should be mailed or hand delivered to:

### 2018 FCCMA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

FCCMA  
301 South Bronough Street, Suite 300  
P.O. Box 1757  
Tallahassee, FL 32302-1757  
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FCCMA offers up to four (4) academic based scholarships: two (2) of the Academic Scholarships; the B. Harold Farmer Scholarship; and the Raymond C. Sittig Scholarship.

### BACKGROUND

The two (2) academic scholarships are new for 2018, and support students pursuing education and careers in Public Administration.

The **B. Harold Farmer Scholarship** was initiated in 1992 in honor and memory of B. Harold Farmer, a FCCMA past president, who served as a mentor for many Florida city and county managers. Mr. Farmer worked in municipal government as a city manager for about 25 years and helped establish the Florida Innovations Group, now the Alliance for Innovation. This scholarship honors Mr. Farmer's commitment to professional local government management and the use of innovation to deliver services to Florida residents.

The **Raymond C. Sittig Scholarship** was initiated in 2014 in honor and memory of Raymond C. Sittig, long-time executive director of the Florida League of Cities and champion of Home Rule powers. Ray came to Florida to become a city manager but instead of working for one city he was a champion for all cities. He served as executive director for 25 years and when he retired he was named executive director emeritus. In 1978 Ray agreed to be the FCCMA's

administrator out of respect for the profession and his desire to build a strong relationship between the FCCMA and the FLC.

### THE AWARD

The scholarship recipients will be recognized at the FCCMA Annual Conference May 30-June 2, 2018. The recipients of the Academic Scholarships will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship; the recipients of the B. Harold Farmer and Raymond C. Sittig Scholarships will each receive \$5,000. All scholarship recipients will receive an all-expense paid trip to the Conference. The major non-monetary benefit of the scholarships is the networking opportunity available at the Conference. More than 200 city and county managers and many of their management staff attend.

The scholarships also include a one-year complimentary membership to the Florida City and County Management Association (FCCMA) and to the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

### ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Students must be enrolled during the summer or fall of 2018 and be pursuing a bachelor's or master's degree in public administration in a program that has been established at least five (5) years and is administered through a campus in Florida.

The scholarship recipients should be able to demonstrate the following:

- » a strong commitment to pursuing a career in local government management;
- » successfully balance both school and personal endeavors;

- » understand the ICMA Code of Ethics;
- » understand the council/manager form of government;
- » commit to promoting the subsequent year's scholarship program.

FCCMA will award, at a minimum, the two (2) Academic Scholarships. The B. Harold Farmer and Raymond C. Sittig Scholarships will be awarded if applications are received from exceptional students that are able to demonstrate their understanding, support and possibly action for the principals on which each of those two Scholarships were founded.

### A COMPLETE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- » A completed application form;
- » Proof of acceptance into a public administration program;
- » An official transcript of college level coursework (this MUST be in a sealed envelope from the university)
- » Resumé
- » Two (2) letters of recommendation; and
- » A typed letter of interest no longer than two (2) pages summarizing:
  - ▶ Why you are interested in city and county government management;
  - ▶ Your career goals; and
  - ▶ Your financial need and planned use of the scholarship funds.

For more information or questions, contact Carol Russell at [crussell@flcities.com](mailto:crussell@flcities.com).