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**Leon Harden Memorial**

**Annual Conference Scholarship Program**

*The Missouri chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (MoNENA) has established a scholarship program to honor the commitment of Leon Harden, ENP. Leon Harden was a long-time member of NENA, a founder of the Emergency Number Professional (ENP) program and made great strides in advancing 911 in the state of Missouri. This scholarship is designed to assist Missouri Public Safety Communications personnel in pursuing their passion to make the world a safer place by attending the spring Missouri Public Safety Communications Conference (MPSCC).*

**The award winner will have their 2024 MPSCC spring registration fee covered, including lodging for three (3) nights. \*lodging/parking not to exceed $500**

**Application Process**

Individuals may nominate themselves for this scholarship.

Directors, Managers, Supervisors, Trainers, or equivalent can nominate one staff member from their agency. A letter of support from the applicant’s supervisor/agency head shall be required along with the nomination. The nominee’s name, phone number and work email shall be included with the application.

The MoNENA committee shall receive nominations at least 60 days in advance of the spring MPSCC.

Notification of the Leon Harden Scholarship award recipient will be made at least 30 days prior to the conference.

 **Criteria**

* Applicants must be employed by a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).
* Submit an essay of approximately 200 words.
	+ **(Topic) Why do you want to attend the MPSCC and what (do you expect) (are you looking) to learn from the experience?**
* Scholarship recipient must attend the full conference.
* If unable to attend the specified conference another winner will be chosen.
* Recipient will be recognized during the MPSCC awards banquet.

**Applications are due by January 5, 2024.**

**Point of Contact:**

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**Leon Harden Scholarship Nomination Form**

Date:

Nominee’s Last Name:      First Name:

Title:      Agency:

Agency Address:      City:       Zip:

Cell Phone #:      Email:

Job Title:       Years of Service:

NOMINATOR: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Explain below why your nominee is deserving of this scholarship opportunity. \*this will constitute as letter of support if nominated by Director, Manager, Supervisor, Trainer or equivalent.

**Important Dates:**

**January 5, 2024: Deadline for applications**

**February 5, 2024: MoNENA Board will select scholarship recipient and notification will be made**