



RE: Leon Harden Memorial Conference Scholarship

December 1, 2017

MONENA Members,

We are both excited and honored to announce the *Leon Harden Memorial Conference Scholarship*.

In June of this year, Missouri Public Safety Communications lost a valued member and partner. To continue his legacy, Missouri NENA established a scholarship fund which will allow for one member to attend the MPSCC conference per year. Rules, details and application form are attached.



Leon Harden's work experience began as a NFL player for the Green Bay Packers from 1969-1972. Leon was then employed with Southwestern Bell/AT&T for 30 years, retiring as Regional Vice-President, External Affairs. During these years is when he became a friend of 9-1-1. Leon played an instrumental role in improving the efficiency of the 9-1-1 system. His quiet leadership, kindness, and overall true professionalism were exactly what 9-1-1 needed when it was still developing. He continued his fair, unbiased approach through the years. After his retirement, he established Harden Consulting, a public safety communications consulting firm.

Leon was routinely seen at Missouri's public safety conferences. He was always willing and eager to give of his time to share knowledge about 9-1-1, how it all began, and where he felt it is going in the future.

The individual selected for this scholarship will, in a small way, remind us of someone who one day could be the next true pioneer and contributor to emergency services, just like Leon.

Special thanks to Kwabena Asante, Saralyn Hayes, and all executive board members for working to facilitate this opportunity. Questions or suggestions about the Scholarship can be directed to Kwabena Asante, 2nd Vice President of MoNENA, at kasante@osagebeach.org or 573-302-2010.

Important information: Please review all rules, details, information and the application form. ***Applications are due by January 5th, 2018.***

Thanks,

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Leon Harden Memorial Annual Conference Scholarship Program

Purpose of the Leon Hardin Scholarship

The Missouri chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (MoNENA) has established a scholarship program to honor the commitment of Leon Hardin, ENP. Leon Hardin 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.

The objectives of this program are:

- To assist public safety professionals in reaching a higher level of knowledge by participating in a Missouri Public Safety Communications Conference (MPSCC).
- To assist public safety agencies with the cost of professional development, and contribute to their ability to provide continuing education to their employees.
- To enhance the knowledge of public safety agency employees so that they, in turn, will contribute to their agency and the profession as a whole.
- To assist in the goal of "One Nation-One Number" by providing education to those individuals who have not attended an annual MPSCC conference.

Criteria

- Applicants must be a NENA member in good standing within the Public Sector, Telecommunicator or Associate categories of NENA
- Applicants must be employed on a full-time basis by a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) or appointed to an official 9-1-1 planning board
- All applications will be accepted and reviewed with a primary goal of providing first time attendee's the opportunity to participate in the conference

Scholarship Details

One scholarship will be awarded annually. The Leon Harden Scholarship will be awarded for the annual spring MPSCC Conference. This scholarship includes conference registration fee and three (3) nights of lodging at a conference hotel (to be determined by

MoNENA). Travel to and from the conference, meals and other expenses are not included in this award.

Application Process

Interested members should complete the Scholarship Application Form.

Completed applications should be received by the MoNENA Chapter at least 60 days in advance of the spring MPSCC conference in order to assure adequate time for discussion and voting by the Chapter Executive Board, and to allow time to process reservations, registrations, payments, etc.

A letter of support from the applicant's supervisor/agency is required along with the application.

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

Responsibilities of Recipient

Scholarship recipients must attend the full conference, barring illness or unforeseen emergencies. In case of an applicant being unable to attend the specified conference, the applicant may re-apply to attend a later MPSCC conference according to the existing rules. Scholarships are not transferable.

Recipient will be recognized during the MPSCC conference.

Recipient of the scholarship fund may be featured on the MoNENA Chapter website, social media or other MoNENA chapter or NENA publications.

Additional Information

- Scholarships are awarded only if funding set aside for scholarships is available.
- The maximum amount of funding for any one individual per year is \$500.00 – which will be used towards registration and hotel only. Any amount not funded by the Executive Board through the scholarship process is the responsibility of either the applicant or the applicant's agency.

Point of Contact:

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Leon Harden Scholarship Application Form

The Missouri NENA (MoNENA) Chapter presents the Leon Harden Scholarship program. This scholarship is designed to assist Missouri public safety personnel in pursuing their passion to make the world a safer place. The scholarship will pay for the recipients' registration fee to the spring MPSCC Conference and lodging for three (3) nights to cover the conference for a total value, not to exceed \$500.

Date: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Title: _____ Agency: _____

Agency Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Work Duties: _____ Years of Service: _____

Community Involvement: _____

Career Goals (where do you see yourself in 5 or 10 years): _____

In your own words, submit a 200+ word essay describing your view on the following topic: ***You Don't Need A Title To Be A Leader.*** The essay must be original and written by the applicant. The essay should be based on accurate research, industry knowledge and realistic concepts, ideas, and technologies.

Submit this application, essay and letter of support from your supervisor/agency via email to: monena911@gmail.com by **January 5th, 2018**.

Questions or suggestions, contact Kwabena "K" Asante, Second Vice President of MoNENA at kasante@osagebeach.org or 573-302-2010.

Scholarship Application Submittal Deadline is 60 days before the spring MPSCC conference each year. Scholarship award winners will be notified at least 30 days before the spring MPSCC conference.

I certify that I am the above listed applicant and also the original author of this essay.

Signed _____ Dated _____