The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Affirmative Action Committee will decide one award to recognize outstanding academic contributions by new minority and female scholars in honor of the first female and racial minority ACJS Presidents. The award will be $1,000.

Eligibility:
To be eligible for this award, the applicant must meet the following criteria:
1. Be a woman or a member of a group that has experienced historical discrimination.
2. Be a current member of ACJS.
3. Have obtained a Ph.D. within the past seven (7) years.
4. Demonstrated a strong record as a new scholar in the areas of research, teaching, and service.
5. Not previously received this award.
6. Be willing and able to attend the Annual Meeting.
7. The applicant must have submitted a proposal for a paper or poster presentation for the Annual Meeting to the ACJS website by the due date.

Application Process:
1. Submit a letter of application describing eligibility for the award.
2. Submit an abbreviated curriculum vitae that highlights achievements in the areas of research, teaching, and service (6 pages maximum).
3. A proposal that outlines a paper or poster presentation as described in #7 above that the applicant will present at the ACJS Annual Meeting for which the Mini-Grant will be given. This proposal should be a maximum of 10 pages, double-spaced, typed. It should discuss (a) the nature of the research topic, (b) why the research is important, and where relevant, (c) the methods used, (d) the findings of the research, and (e) the theoretical, methodological, and/or policy implications of the results.
4. Submit two reference letters supporting the applicant’s nomination. At least one of the references should be obtained from an academic in the discipline.