



Children's Commission.

Jurist in Residence Letter:

For Judges Handling Child Protective Services Cases

April 26, 2018

Important Message:

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Judicial Scholarship Opportunities

The Children's Commission is offering scholarships for qualifying judges to both the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges' (NCJFCJ) 81st Annual Conference and the National Association of Counsel for Children's (NACC) 41st National Child Welfare, Juvenile & Family Law Conference and Red Book Training. Interested judges are welcome to apply for a scholarship to either or both of these educational opportunities. Scholarships are limited so applications to either or both conferences should be submitted so as soon as possible. The deadline to apply for either or both scholarships is midnight on Thursday, May 10, 2018. Please see below for the scholarship criteria to each conference. More information is available by linking to the [judicial scholarships](#) page of the Children's Commission website.

NCJFCJ 81st Annual Conference

The [NCJFCJ 81st Annual Conference](#) will be held on July 22-25, 2018 in Denver and will feature a wide range of topics that include issues facing the juvenile and family court system. The conference schedule will be available soon with the following educational tracks: Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, Family Law, Family Violence, Practical, Innovative, and The Forefront.

The Children's Commission through its conference partner, Texas Center for the Judiciary, will offer 25 judicial scholarships to the NCJFCJ's 81st Annual Conference. To be eligible for a scholarship, participants must hear civil child welfare and/or juvenile cases and must attend the Texas Center for the Judiciary's Annual Child Welfare Judicial Conference to be held November 12-14, 2018 in Georgetown, Texas. Scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis and preference will be given to judges who can commit to attend the 2018 Child Welfare Conference and who hear a high percentage of either or both of the above kinds of cases.

The scholarship will cover the awardees' registration fees and conference-related expenses such as travel, lodging, and meals, up to \$2,000. (Any additional expenses must be covered by the scholarship recipient). Awardees must complete a post-conference survey in order for their reimbursement request to be processed. The Texas Center for the Judiciary will assist judges with registration and hotel logistics related to this scholarship opportunity.

Please visit the following link to complete the scholarship application:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCJFCJ2018>.

For information regarding eligible travel expenses, please review the Travel Reimbursement Guidelines found at the following: <http://texaschildrenscommission.gov/commission-meetings/travel/>.

The Texas Center for the Judiciary will notify you if you are selected to receive a scholarship. Please DO NOT call the hotel or make reservations for the conference prior to receiving a scholarship acceptance. For questions regarding the NCJFCJ judicial scholarships, please contact Heidi Penix at <mailto:heidip@yourhonor.com>.

NACC Annual Conference and Red Book Training

This year's NACC Conference will be held on August 23-25, 2018, in San Antonio, with a pre-conference Red Book Training held at the same venue on August 22nd. The main conference tracks will be on child welfare, juvenile justice, and family law issues. The pre-conference Red Book Training prepares attendees for the NACC's Child Welfare Law Specialist exam but may also be of interest to those judges wanting an overview of federal issues in child welfare law. To find out more about the topics and speakers for the 41st NACC National Conference and optional pre-conference Red Book Training, please see the NACC [Conference Agenda](#).

The Children's Commission will provide scholarships in the form of waived registration fees and conference-related travel expenses of up to \$1000. The funds can be used toward the one-day pre-conference Red Book Training (\$200) and/or the three-day 41st National Child Welfare, Juvenile & Family Law Conference (\$400), with any remaining funds available for conference-related expenses such as travel, lodgings and meals. Registration fees for the Red Book training and/or Conference will be paid directly to the NACC for each recipient.

To be eligible for a scholarship, judges must hear child welfare and/ or juvenile cases, with preference given to judges who hear higher percentages of either or both of these kinds of cases. Awardees must complete a post-conference survey from the Commission in order for their reimbursement request to be processed.

Please visit the following link to complete the scholarship application:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NACC2018>.

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For any questions regarding judicial scholarships to the NACC Conference and/or Red Book Training, please contact <mailto:children@txcourts.gov>.



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