

GLORIA KING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**GLORIA KING, MMC
MAY 1954 – SEPTEMBER 2011**

Clerks apply for the Gloria King Memorial Scholarship each year to attend the Louisiana Municipal Clerks Institute. Very few of them know or understand the great lady, clerk and mentor that Gloria King was. It is on recommendation from the 2015 – 2016 LMCA Institute / Scholarship Committee that we inform all clerks how important she was to our profession, to our association and to our lives.

Gloria served as deputy clerk to the City of Delhi for two years until her appointment to city clerk on September 1, 1982. She continued to work until she lost her battle with cancer in September 2011. She was relentless in her pursuit of excellence in public service, seeking and earning her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation in 1990 and her Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) designation in 2003 through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

In 1995, Gloria was elected as an LMCA Trustee. She served as chairwoman of several committees and in 2001, she took her reign as LMCA President. In 2004, she represented the municipal clerks of the states of Arkansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana as IIMC Region IV Director. She served on numerous committees, task forces and liaison positions with the IIMC. One of Gloria's great passions was to ensure that municipal clerks had the opportunity to further their education and certification. She strongly believed that education should be attainable for all clerks at an affordable cost.

Gloria had a wonderful spirit about her with a calmness and grace to handle any situation. She was a strong Christian woman involved in many church activities. Gloria served her community and her colleagues with dedication and honor. She led with a compassionate heart and her perseverance was immeasurable. Her legacy is her love, her endless respect for others, her selflessness, her grace and her smile. Every city clerk should have a certain degree of grace and Gloria was the epitome of that and she deserves all the respect in the world.

Robert Frost wrote that "...a poem begins with a lump in the throat..." but Cynthia Bowman, Bryan, TX, when speaking about Gloria King, said that a great inspirational story begins with a lump in the throat and ends with a tear in your eye and warmth in your heart. Gloria King will always be remembered in our hearts.

**LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION
APPLICATION FOR GLORIA KING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications for the Gloria King Memorial Scholarship are open to all qualified Municipal Clerks with a need that impacts their ability to attend the Louisiana Municipal Clerks Institute, held each year in October.

Name _____

Municipality _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone: Office _____ Fax No. _____

E-mail: _____

Are you a current dues paid member of the Louisiana Municipal Clerks Association?

_____ Yes _____ No

If you have previously attended a Clerks Institute, are you applying for:

_____ Second year participant, or

_____ Third year participant?

Population of Municipality _____

Please explain briefly your reason for wishing to attend the Clerks Institute:

Enclose a letter to the LMCA President or Chairperson of the Institute/Scholarship Committee, which states the need for assistance and the general reason for the scholarship request. This letter of recommendation is to be signed by the applicant and applicant's Mayor, which verifies the need requested.

The scholarship pays the entire registration fee/tuition for the Louisiana Municipal Clerks Institute. The scholarship award is a total of \$500.00; which includes tuition, plus some funding towards hotel expenses. (If complimentary room is available for the recipient, the scholarship is for tuition only).

CRITERIA FOR GLORIA KING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

As amended October 19, 2000 by the LMCA Executive Board:

1. Applications for the LMCA Institute Scholarship will be open to all qualified municipal clerks with a need that impacts their ability to attend. However, the Committee may use award criteria previously agreed upon for preference of some applicants over others when the number of applicants exceeds the number of scholarship awards available. Scholarships shall be funded per year if funding is available.
2. Application guidelines:
 - A) Letter to LMCA President or Chairperson of the Institute/Scholarship Committee which states need for assistance and the general reason for request signed by the applicant.
 - B) This letter of recommendation is also to be signed by the applicant's Mayor, which verifies the need requested.
3. Preference may be given to the first year student (Clerk).
4. Priority for a scholarship is to be given to the Clerk over an assistant/deputy clerk. The applicant is required to reapply each year.
5. The Institute/Scholarship Committee should be given generous discretion in establishing other criteria and in considering special circumstances each year as selections and awards are made.
6. The Scholarship pays the entire registration/tuition for LMCI.
7. The scholarship award is a total of \$500.00, which includes tuition, plus some funding towards hotel expenses. (If a complimentary room is available for the recipient, the scholarship is for tuition only).
8. Decisions on any additional scholarship funding for special circumstances may be made by the Institute/Scholarship Committee contingent upon availability of funds and the approval of the LMCA President.

THIS DONE AND ADOPTED BY THE LMCA EXECUTIVE BOARD ON JUNE 24, 1992 AND AMENDED ON OCTOBER 19, 2000.