



The Arkansas City Management Association (ACMA) was established in the early 1990s to support and assist the city manager and city administrator forms of government in Arkansas by offering networking, education, advocacy and support to city managers/administrators and their staff.

Arkansas has eight municipalities with the city manager/administrator form of government, including Arkadelphia, Barling, Fort Smith, Hope, Hot Springs, Little Rock, Texarkana and Siloam Springs.

ACMA'S MISSION

The ACMA is committed to strengthening cities and towns through education and networking opportunities, providing high ethics standards for city leaders, promoting awareness of critical issues facing Arkansas' cities and towns, educating and inspiring young people to get involved in local government, and providing student scholarships for those pursuing a Master of Public Administration degree. The ACMA believes that to achieve excellence in local government we must develop and inspire effective leaders in our local communities.

Membership in ACMA is open to all city managers, city administrators and their staff, as well as mayors, chiefs of staff, department directors, division managers, administrative assistants and college students. Anyone interested in the objectives of ACMA and who has attained a position in a field of specialization or expertise qualifying them to contribute to the advancement of professional knowledge and practice in local government or is interested in pursuing a career in city management is encouraged to join ACMA.

The ACMA provides educational and networking opportunities for members at spring and fall conferences. The association is a chapter of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

MUNICIPAL RELATIONSHIPS

The ACMA works closely with the Arkansas Municipal League on issues that impact local governments, such as legislation. Although the structure of our municipal governments may differ, the issues we face as leaders are often the same. ACMA members are always available to work with our counterparts in neighboring cities and towns to offer insight and expertise on day-to-day operations, special projects and other matters.

Information exchange and knowledge sharing is vital to the success of Arkansas' municipalities, and by working together we can ensure our cities and towns are providing the highest level of service to our citizens. Whether you're a newly elected official or have been on the job for years, you will always find that the members of ACMA are ready to offer guidance and assistance to our neighbors.

TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Developing the next generation of municipal leaders is critical to the future of Arkansas' cities and towns, and ACMA continues to build its programs in support of students who are pursuing a career in public service. Since 1991, ACMA has awarded the \$1,000 Henry M. Alexander Scholarship to outstanding students from Arkansas' three Master of Public Administration programs at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, A-State in Jonesboro, and UA Little Rock. Eligibility is limited to currently enrolled, full-time MPA students who have proclaimed a major study concentration in local government administration or have demonstrated a willingness to consider employment in local government.

Virtually every profession a student is interested in can be found in local government, from management, finance, legal work and human resources to parks and recreation, public works, communications, information technology and economic development. Local government has a place for everyone, and ACMA member cities offer internships to rising juniors and seniors at the high school level, and undergraduate and graduate students at the college level. Some internships are paid, while others are project-based for earning class credits. By building partnerships and creating internship programs with area schools, city managers and administrators can help build an educational pathway from the classroom to city hall.

The ACMA also works with student organizations, such as the ICMA student chapter at the U of A. The chapter helps students of all levels become aware and involved in local public administration. Student chapter members attend meetings, conferences and other ACMA and ICMA events that allow them to connect with a vast network of working professionals. ACMA recognizes the importance of ensuring the future of the profession by providing student resources and tools, and offers a reduced-fee membership to ICMA student chapter members.

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