

ARKANSAS CITY CLERKS, RECORDERS, & TREASURERS ASSOCIATION
(ACCRTA)

CERTIFIED
ARKANSAS
MUNICIPAL
CLERK

Application for Certification

In association with the University of Arkansas



ACCRTA CODE OF ETHICS

I do hereby subscribe to the following principles and ethics which I affirm will govern my personal conduct as a Municipal Clerk:

- To uphold constitutional government and the laws of my community;
- To so conduct my public and private life as to be an example to my fellow citizens;
- To impart to my profession those standards of quality and integrity that the conduct of the affairs of my office shall be above reproach and merit public confidence in our community;
- To be ever mindful of my neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all and to extend the same treatment I wish to receive myself;
- To record that which is true and preserve that which is entrusted to me as if it were my own; and
- To strive constantly to improve the administration of the affairs of my office consistent with applicable laws and through sound management practices to produce continued progress and so fulfill my responsibilities to my community and others.
- These things I, as a City Clerk, Recorder, Treasurer, Clerk/Treasurer or Recorder/Treasurer, do pledge to do in the interest and purposes for which our government has been established.

Signature

PLEASE CHECK EACH BOX AND ENCLOSE THE REQUIRED MATERIALS AS INDICATED:

- I am currently a Clerk, Recorder, Treasurer, Clerk/Treasurer, or Recorder/Treasurer; or a deputy of any of these positions.
- I am currently an active member of the ACCRTA.
- I have been a member of ACCRTA for two years.
- I have reaffirmed my belief in and practice of the ACCRTA Code of Ethics.
- I have enclosed the \$50 application fee which includes a CAMC pin and certificate. Make checks payable to ACCRTA.
- If I am a deputy I have enclosed a letter from my supervisor that I perform 50% of the core duties required of clerks, recorders, treasurers, clerk/treasurer, or recorder/treasurers.

- I am already a CMC or a MMC with IIMC and therefore have satisfied the requirements of the Certified Arkansas Municipal Clerk designation. If you qualify for this exemption, **you do not have to fill out the Education and Experience Sections of this application; you only fill out pages 2 and 3.** You must send in the \$50 application fee payable to ACCRTA.

I hereby apply for Certified Arkansas Municipal Clerk status with the Arkansas City Clerks, Recorders, & Treasurers Association and attest that the following statements and presentations are accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

Any person found to have obtained a CAMC designation with the ACCRTA under false pretenses will have their certification rescinded.

BASIC INFORMATION

Name _____ Title _____
Last First Middle

Municipality _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____, State _____, Zip Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

Employment Dates and Positions

Current position _____ From _____ Elected or Appointed? _____

Other positions with current employer _____ From _____ to _____

HELPFUL HINTS IN FILLING OUT THIS APPLICATION

1. You will need a total of **100 points** for this application. You must have **50 points** from the **Education Section** (pages 4 and 5) and another **50 points** from the **Experience Section** (pages 6, 7 & 8). You must attend an ACCRTA New Clerks Orientation as a requirement for this application.
2. Note that there are several options for obtaining the 50 points in the Education Section. Choose one of the three options.
3. You do **NOT** have to have something in **EVERY** section of the Experience section. For example if you have never attended an IIMC national conference, you can leave that part empty. You just need a total of 50 points from any combination of the sections in the Experience sections. However, you must stay within the limitations of maximum points allowed in each section.
4. Some examples of items that can be included in the In-Service Courses section on page 7 are:
 - a. training a vendor offers you when you purchase a new computer program
 - b. training you receive at an Arkansas Municipal League sponsored event such as a their budget meetings, technology meetings, Excel, Word, and Internet seminars.
 - c. other seminars such as a workshop sponsored by a local community college on using the Internet, e-mail or any other workshops that will help in your position.
5. Make sure you have documentation for everything. Examples are agendas, meeting notices, certificates of completion, letters from the groups who sponsor the meeting or seminar, etc. For the employment documentation you may use a copy of your W-2 for that job.
6. If you are already a CMC or a MMC you can qualify for the CAMC designation but you must fill out pages 2 and 3 of the application and pay the applicable fee.

EDUCATION (50 points)

Applicants must document all educational experience claimed and requested in this section.

Attendance at the required number of Institutes must occur within a period of six (6) years.

EDUCATION	POINTS
Satisfactory completion of three (3) years of training at an IIMC-recognized Municipal Clerks Institute	50
OR	
Bachelor degree or higher and two years of training at an IIMC-recognized Municipal Clerks Institute	50
OR	
Associate of Arts degree and two years of training at an IIMC-recognized Municipal Clerks Institute	50

MUNICIPAL CLERKS INSTITUTE

Estimated
Points

INSTITUTE #1 _____
Institute Name Location Year Completed

INSTITUTE #2 _____
Institute Name Location Year Completed

INSTITUTE #3 _____
Institute Name Location Year Completed

I have enclosed a copy of the certificate of completion from each Institute.

EDUCATION (continued)

To receive credit, a course must be academic, must be from an accredited institution, and must relate to the Municipal Clerk's position. Related fields include, but are not limited to: public administration, urban affairs, government, political science, law, pre-law, history, economics, business administration, finance, accounting, computer science, psychology or related social sciences. If you are in doubt about your degree being accepted in this category, please send a complete set of transcripts with this application. ACCRTA's Certification Committee will make the final decision.

BACHELOR DEGREE

Estimated
Points

B.A. B.S. Other _____
Specify type of degree

Major _____

College/University _____

Location _____

Month/Year degree awarded _____

- I have enclosed a copy of my complete transcript.
- I have enclosed a copy of my diploma showing major field of study.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Estimated
Points

A.A. A.S. Other _____
Specify type of degree

Major _____

College/University _____

Location _____

Month/Year degree awarded _____

- I have enclosed a copy of my complete transcript.
- I have enclosed a copy of my diploma showing major field of study.

TOTAL EDUCATION POINTS FROM PAGES 4-5 _____
Must be a minimum of 50 points

NOTE: If you have completed three years at a Municipal Clerks Institute program (page 4) AND hold a degree, you may use the Institute for the full 50 points for EDUCATION here, and itemize relevant college courses under EXPERIENCE on page 8.

EXPERIENCE (50 points)

Applicants must document all experience and training claimed in this section.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE	POINTS	MAXIMUM
Full-time Municipal or Deputy Clerk with administrative responsibility	4 per year	40
Part-time Municipal or Deputy Clerk with administrative responsibility	2 per year	40
Part-time Municipal or Deputy Clerk with no administrative responsibility	1 per year	30
Other full-time administrative positions in local government prior to becoming a Municipal or Deputy Clerk	2 per year	30
Administrative position in federal, state or provincial government	1 per year	30
Administrative position in business	1 per year	30

CURRENT POSITION:	DATES	POINTS PER YEAR	ESTIMATED POINTS
Position _____ Employer _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisory Administrative responsibilities _____ _____ _____	from _____ to _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
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TOTAL POINTS _____

I have enclosed additional materials documenting these experiences.

EXPERIENCE (continued)

MUNICIPAL CLERKS CONFERENCES			Points	Maximum
Attendance at IIMC Annual Conferences			4 each	12
Dates	Location		Estimated Points	
_____	_____		_____	
_____	_____		Maximum 12	
_____	_____			
Attendance at IIMC Regional, Municipal Associations, Municipal League conference or District Meetings.			Points 1 per 6 hours or one day	Maximum 20
Dates	Type of Conference & Location		Estimated Points	
_____	_____		_____	
_____	_____		Maximum 20	
_____	_____			
_____	_____			
_____	_____			
_____	_____			
Attendance at ACCRTA New Clerks Orientation – <u>Required of every applicant</u>				
DATE _____ LOCATION _____				

IN-SERVICE COURSES			Points	Maximum
Education courses and in-service training related to your position as Municipal Clerk/Recorder/Treasurer			1 per 6 hours or one day	15
DATES	COURSE TITLE	SPONSOR	ACTUAL HOURS	ESTIMATED POINTS
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
			TOTAL	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> I have enclosed materials documenting these experiences.				

EXPERIENCE (continued)

BUSINESS OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COURSES	Points	Maximum
Must include transcript	1 per 10 hours of training	10

DATES	VOCATION	NAME OF SCHOOL	CREDIT HOURS	ESTIMATED POINTS
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY COURSES	Points	Maximum
Relevant college or university course credits not used for EDUCATION points (pages 4 & 5)	1 per Credit hour	25

To receive credit, a course must be academic, must be from an accredited institution, and must relate to the Municipal Clerk's position. Related fields include, but are not limited to: public administration, urban affairs, government, political science, law, pre-law, history, economics, business administration, finance, accounting, computer science, psychology or related social sciences. A transcript of the courses used here **MUST** accompany this application.

DATES	COURSE TITLE	COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	CREDIT HOURS	ESTIMATED POINTS
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY COURSE POINTS				_____

- I have enclosed an additional sheet
- I have enclosed a copy of my transcript(s).

TOTAL EXPERIENCE POINTS FROM PAGES 6-8 _____
Must be a minimum of 50 points

PLEASE MAIL THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Completed application
- \$50 Application Fee
- Sponsor Letter
- Transcripts, diploma, supporting documents

These items should be mailed to the current 2nd Vice President of the ACCRTA. The deadline for applications is March 31st for award at the summer Arkansas Municipal League.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE _____
EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR SIGNATURE _____