



JERRY BAGGS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS & INFORMATION

CLASS #56 • MAY 31-JUNE 5, 2026

The **Jerry Baggs Memorial Scholarship** was established to sponsor attendance to the **National Jail Leadership Command Academy (NJLCA)** that is housed at the Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT) on the campus of Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. The NJLCA is a collaborative effort between the American Jail Association (AJA) and CMIT.

The Texas Jail Association is proud to announce the formation of the Jerry Baggs Scholarship that will fund attendance to the National Jail Leadership Command Academy (NJLCA) held at the Correctional Management Institute of Texas on the campus of Sam Houston State University. The establishment of the scholarship is named in honor of **Jerry Baggs**, the founding President of the Texas Jail Association. This scholarship will be awarded to a deserving individual whose agency does not have the resources available to enable the employee to take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

The National Jail Leadership Academy is designed to address the professional development and succession planning needs that now exist in the field of jail operations. This scholarship is administered by the Scholarship Committee of the Texas Jail Association.

This scholarship will be awarded to a person who meets the following criteria:

- Is a member of the **Texas Jail Association** with an **active “Professional Level” Membership**
- Is serving his or her county in a mid-management position **up to Jail Administrator**
- Is an **accepted participant of the 56th session of the NJLCA**, to be held May 31-June 5, 2026

The scholarship is for tuition (which includes all class materials, lodging, and all meals/snacks). The sending agency will be required to provide transportation for the selected participant to Huntsville.

Please complete the following information and return, along with a completed NJLCA application, to the Texas Jail Association no later than **April 3, 2026**.

For questions, contact Payton Jones at 936-294-1668 or pmj007@shsu.edu.

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM AND SEND ALL INFORMATION TO:

Sharese Hurst, Sam Houston State University, Box 2296, Huntsville, Texas 77341-2296
sharese@shsu.edu / Fax: 938-294-1671

APPLICATION & ESSAY MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN APRIL 3, 2026.

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APPLICATION FORM

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NOMINEE INFORMATION

First Name

Last Name

Agency/Department

Agency Address

City/State/Zip

Rated Capacity

Annual Training Budget

Current Average Daily Population

Agency Phone Number

Nominee Email Address

Agency Website

NOMINATION ENDORSEMENT

Each nomination MUST be endorsed by the agency head (Sheriff, Director, Etc.)

Name of Agency Head

Agency Head Email Address

Agency Head Signature

The nominee MUST write a short essay (no more than 200 words) on how they will benefit professionally and personally from this experience.

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