



Digital Forensics Scholarship for Women in Law Enforcement

About the Scholarship

Edith Santos began her career at a small law enforcement agency that lacked the resources to send her to the IACIS Basic Computer Forensic Examiner (BCFE) training in Orlando. Determined to pursue her goal, she persisted until her agency supported her attendance.

Since earning her Certified Forensic Computer Examiner (CFCE) credential in 2014, Edith's career in digital forensics has reached inspiring heights. With 18 years of law enforcement experience, she later transitioned to the private sector, earning multiple accolades for her achievements.

Grateful for her journey, Edith is giving back to the IACIS community by sponsoring the Digital Forensics Scholarship for Women in Law Enforcement.

Scholarship Benefits

The scholarship, funded by Edith Santos, covers the registration fee for the IACIS BCFE training in Orlando, Florida.

For the recipient selected to attend the 2026 BCFE Orlando event, we are thrilled to announce that additional donor support has made it possible to provide:

- Up to \$3,000 for travel expenses (flight, accommodation, per diem)
- Access to leading digital forensics software packages to support professional growth

Any remaining expenses must be covered by the recipient and/or her agency. Additional donor-funded benefits may vary from year to year. For specifics regarding the current award package, applicants may contact the scholarship coordinator (see details below).

Eligibility

Applicants must be female, working in a law enforcement agency (sworn or civilian capacity).



Digital Forensics Scholarship for Women in Law Enforcement Application Form

Application Requirements

Applications must include the following, submitted together as a single PDF using the filename format of ***Surname_First Name.pdf***:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Signed Privacy Statement
3. Curriculum Vitae (CV)
4. Essay (maximum 500 words) describing career goals and how BCFE training will be beneficial
5. Proof of registration for the 2026 BCFE Orlando course
 - When registering, applicants may select the “Pay with Invoice/Purchase Order” option. This allows registration without upfront payment. If the applicant is not awarded the scholarship and cannot attend through agency funding, she must notify IACIS to withdraw her registration so the seat can be offered to someone on the waiting list.
6. Supervisor letter on agency letterhead confirming:
 - Employment with a law enforcement agency
 - Approval to be considered for the scholarship
 - Confirmation that BCFE training will benefit current or future duties
 - Agreement that any costs not covered by the scholarship will be assumed by the agency and/or applicant

Timeline

- Applications accepted: October 1 – November 30, 2025
- Selection made: No later than December 30, 2025
- Notification: All applicants will be informed of their status via email once a selection is made
- Public announcement: January 2026 via IACIS ListServ and IACIS social media (Facebook, LinkedIn, X, and Instagram)

Contact

For further information, please contact the scholarship coordinator at:

 LEAWomenScholarship@iacis.com



Scholarship Conditions and Privacy Statement

Please read this document carefully to ensure you understand the conditions of the Digital Forensics Scholarship for Women in Law Enforcement. By applying for this scholarship, the applicant and her organization agree to abide by these terms and conditions:

1. Amendments

- IACIS reserves the right to amend the rules or eligibility requirements without prior notification or explanation.
- Any updates will be posted on the IACIS website and will be considered binding.
- All scholarship terms and conditions are subject to interpretation by Edith Santos, whose decision is final.

2. Application Data

- Applicants must provide true, accurate, current, and complete information on the Application Form ("Application Data").
- Applicants are responsible for notifying the scholarship committee of any changes to their Application Data prior to award.
- Any notice sent to the email address listed in the Application Data will be considered received by the applicant.
- Inaccurate, incomplete, or misleading information may result in disqualification or removal from training.

3. Recipient Acknowledgments

- The scholarship recipient and her agency consent to the announcement of the recipient's name and agency through IACIS' ListServ and official social media platforms (Facebook, LinkedIn, X, and Instagram).
- The recipient may be contacted by IACIS within three years after the BCFE training to provide an update on how the scholarship has impacted her career.

4. Data Privacy

- By submitting a completed application, the applicant consents to IACIS sharing pertinent Application Data with Edith Santos and the designated IACIS scholarship coordinator for the purpose of facilitating the award and training.
- Application Data will be retained for a period of three years following completion of the training for which the scholarship was awarded.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Applicant's Printed Name: _____

Date Terms & Conditions Acknowledged: _____



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COMPLETE LEGIBLY

Applicant's Full Name:

Applicant's Position:

Law Enforcement Agency:

Address 1:

Address 2:

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Phone: _____

Official e-mail address: _____

Additional requirements:

- ☐ Curriculum Vitae
- ☐ Essay (500 words maximum) on career goals and how the applicant will benefit from BCFE training
- ☐ Official Letter from Agency
- ☐ Proof of registration for the BCFE Orlando course

Submit application and supporting documents as one merged PDF or any inquiries to:

LEAWomenScholarship@iacis.com