

Hennepin County Sheriff Foundation

Criminal Justice | Law Enforcement

Scholarship



Are you enrolled or attending a full time Criminal Justice or Law Enforcement school in Minnesota?

Are you attending school to pursue a career in Criminal Justice or Law Enforcement?

If attending a post-secondary school, is your GPA 2.8 or higher?

If you can answer "YES" to the above questions, you may be eligible for the HCSF Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to full-time undergraduate students in the field of Criminal Justice who are enrolled or will be enrolled at an [*accredited](#) two year or four year college in Minnesota. Please fill out the following application by **July 14** and mail to:

Hennepin County Sheriff Foundation
Scholarship Program
PO Box 15011
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Questions? Email: info@sheriffoundation.org or call: (612) 339-5600

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* <https://mn.gov/post/applicants/postcertifiedppoeschools/>

Hennepin County Sheriff Foundation Scholarship Fund Eligibility & Selection

Eligibility:

Recipients of this award will be students enrolled in a two year or four year degree in a field related to Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement. Selection will be based on an interview, essay, two mentor recommendations and a preferred GPA of 2.8 or higher. (Lower GPA's may be considered and weighed with other application criteria.)

The Foundation reserves the right to amend the scholarship eligibility criteria at any time or withdraw an award prior to receipt if it is found that recipient is no longer eligible.

In recruiting students for this scholarship, the Foundation will give preference to Explorer, Rebound and Boys and Girls Club participants.

Immediate family of the selection committee, HCSF board officers or directors or contributors to the scholarship fund of the Foundation and HCSO employees are not eligible for scholarships.

Award Amount:

Awards of up to 50% of the cost of tuition (\$2,000 or more) if the candidate meets the criteria and as the fund balance allows.

Application Checklist:

- 1 - Filled out application including preferred contact method(s)
 - 2 - Answers to questions 1 - 6
 - 3 - Two (2) letters of reference – may be mailed separately but must be postmarked by July 14

 - 4 - Unofficial transcript from High School if scholarship applicant has just enrolled at their post secondary school
- OR
- 4 - Unofficial transcript from post secondary school if applicant has already completed at least one quarter/semester

HCSF reserves the right to ask for official school transcripts for scholarship award winners. If requested, official transcript must be received before the scholarship is awarded.

HCSF Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name:	
Street Address:	
City:	
State and Zip:	
Applicant's Email Address:	
Applicant's Phone Number:	
Preferred Contact Method: (pick at least one)	Email? <input type="checkbox"/> Text? <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call? <input type="checkbox"/>
High School Attended:	
High School Graduation Date:	
High School GPA:	
Post secondary school's name and address:	
Post secondary GPA if already attending:	
Planned post secondary program degree or certificate:	
Full Time Undergraduate	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

I have attended Boys and Girls Club, Rebound or was an Explorer:
Which program? _____ When? _____

On a separate piece of paper, please type answers to the following questions:

1. List up to three (3) school or community organizations or activities in which you have been active.
2. Describe why those activities were important to you or what you learned from participating in them.
3. List your job experience(s).
4. Why do you want to pursue a career in criminal justice/law enforcement?
5. How will this scholarship make a difference in achieving your goals?
6. Answer this statement in at least 200 but not more than 500 words: "How I will make a difference as a Criminal Justice professional."
7. Include **TWO (2) letters of recommendation**. Please have two mentors, counselors, advisors or principal from your school write a letter of support for your scholarship application. These letters of recommendation should explain why your particular strengths or skills would make you a good candidate for a future career in criminal justice or law enforcement.

Applicant's Signature

I certify that the facts I have listed in this application are true and accurate.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement (if under 18)

It is my understanding that my son/daughter plans to attend a school or college to work toward a career in law enforcement or criminal justice. I, as parent or guardian, am willing and desirous that my son/daughter apply to the Hennepin County Sheriff Foundation for a Sheriff's Scholarship.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please Note: **Not all applicants will be interviewed.** A selection of top candidates will be contacted to arrange for an interview time.

Sample recommendation request letter

Name

Address

City, state, zip

Dear

I am writing to ask if you would be willing to write a letter of reference to help me obtain a scholarship from the Hennepin County Sheriff Foundation. The Foundation offers scholarships of \$2,000 and more annually for individuals entering two or four year law enforcement or criminal justice programs and I believe I may be eligible to receive one.

The scholarships will be awarded to those who show an aptitude and interest for the field of criminal justice. As my _____ teacher, you are in a position to offer a perspective on my skills and abilities in that area.

The Foundation must receive all scholarship application materials postmarked by June 30th. For your convenience I have enclosed a stamped envelope addressed to the Foundation. If I can provide more information about the scholarship, please let me know.

Thank you for helping me with your letter of reference.

Sincerely,

Your Name