



THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP ANNUAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

Background – The North Carolina Sheriffs' Association (NCSA) created the Criminal Justice Scholarship Program to assist students who are dependents of law enforcement officials or who are studying in the criminal justice field and express an interest in pursuing a career in law enforcement. The NCSA sponsors this scholarship program. The North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) administers the scholarship to the students within The University of North Carolina System. The North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (NCICU) administers the scholarship to the students attending private, non-profit colleges in North Carolina.

Applicant Eligibility - Applicants must be a North Carolina resident enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours in an undergraduate degree granting criminal justice program at one of the institutions of The University of North Carolina or the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities. Applicants must express an interest in pursuing a career in law enforcement and must be recommended by their local sheriff. Selection of recipients is based on the following priorities:

Priority 1 - - a child or step-child of a North Carolina Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff

Priority 2 - - a child or step-child of any North Carolina law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty

Priority 3 - - a child or step-child of a North Carolina Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff who is deceased or retired (regular or disability)

Priority 4 - - an academically eligible North Carolina criminal justice student with demonstrated financial need (*these applicants must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA*)

Eligible UNC Universities –

Appalachian State University	North Carolina State University
East Carolina University	The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Elizabeth City State University	The University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Fayetteville State University	The University of North Carolina at Wilmington
North Carolina A & T State University	Western Carolina University
North Carolina Central University	Winston-Salem State University

Eligible Private Colleges or Universities –

Barton College	Lenoir-Rhyne University
Belmont Abbey College	Livingstone College
Brevard College	Mars Hill University
Campbell University	Meredith College
Catawba College	Methodist University
Chowan University	Montreat College
Gardner-Webb University	North Carolina Wesleyan University
Greensboro College	Pfeiffer University
Guilford College	St. Augustine's University
High Point University	University of Mount Olive
Johnson C. Smith University	William Peace University
Lees-McRae College	Wingate University

Value of Scholarship – Each Criminal Justice Scholarship is valued at \$2,000 per year, \$1,000 for the Fall semester and \$1,000 for the Spring semester. Scholarship funds not used due to student withdrawal or dismissal must be refunded to the NCSA by the university.

Application Process and Procedure – One nominee for the scholarship is chosen each year by the financial aid office at each eligible college or university, subject to approval by the NCSEAA or NCICU, and subject to continued funding by the Association. Applications must be approved and signed by the financial aid official at the college or university. The Financial Aid Official will mail the chosen application(s) to either NCSEAA (Post Office Box 41046, Raleigh, NC 27604) or NCICU (530 North Blount Street, Raleigh, NC 27604).

Required Documents

Students applying for the scholarship must complete the Criminal Justice Scholarship Application and submit it to the qualifying college or university's financial aid office along with:

- a. A signed statement (one page) explaining the applicant's interest in this scholarship and the applicant's education and career goals. This also includes checking a box indicating the applicant's interest in pursuing a career in law enforcement. Not required for renewal applicants.
- b. A letter of recommendation from the sheriff of the applicant's county of residence. (The local sheriff must be a member of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association). Not required for renewal applicants.
- c. Upon receipt of the applicant's complete application, the financial aid office will submit the application of the student who is selected to the NCSEAA or the NCICU for processing.

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Name: _____ SSN: _____
Last First Middle

Permanent Mailing Address: _____
Street/Box City State Zip Code

Date of High School Graduation: _____ Date of Birth: _____/_____/_____
Month Year Month Day Year

Student Email Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

College Class Freshman Junior
This School Sophomore Senior
Year:

Are you interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement?

Yes No

Check all of the below which describe you:

I am the child or step-child of:

- N.C. Sheriff
- N.C. Deputy Sheriff
- Retired or deceased N.C. Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff
- N.C. Law Enforcement Officer killed in the line of duty.

I Have:

- Financial Need (application with FAFSA completed)

This student was sponsored by: _____
Name of Sheriff County

Personal Certification:

I am a NC resident and the above information is true. I will abide by the rules and criteria set forth to receive this scholarship.

Signature of Applicant

Date



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This section should be completed by the Financial Aid Office of the college or university.

Please certify that this student is:

- Enrolled in your college or university.**
- For a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.**
- In a degree granting criminal justice program.**

School Certificate

I certify that this student is eligible for a Criminal Justice Scholarship (CJS), majors in criminal justice and (if applicable) has financial need. This student is my institution's selection for the Criminal Justice Scholarship for the academic year.

Signature of Official

Date

Printed Name

Title of Official

Institution

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