THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP
ANNUAL APPLICATION

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.

Current Applicant Prerequisites - Applicants must be a North Carolina resident enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours in a 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
East Carolina University
Elizabeth City State University
Fayetteville State University
North Carolina A & T State University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University
The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
The University of North Carolina at Pembroke
The University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Western Carolina University
Winston-Salem State University

Eligible Private Colleges or Universities –

Barton College
Belmont Abbey College
Brevard College
Campbell University
Catawba College
Chowan University
Gardner-Webb University
Greensboro College
Guilford College
High Point University
Johnson C. Smith University
Lees-McRae College
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Livingston College
Mars Hill University
Meredith College
Methodist University
Montreat College
North Carolina Wesleyan Collage
Pfeiffer University
Salem College
Shaw University
St. Augustine's University
University of Mount Olive
William Peace University
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 institution, 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 institution. The Financial Aid Official will mail the chosen application(s) to either NCSEAA (Post Office Box 13663, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-3663) or NCICU (530 North Blount Street, Raleigh, NC 27604).

Application Checklist

* **Complete the Criminal Justice Scholarship Application and submit to the qualifying institution's financial aid office along with:**

- ☐ 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.

- ☐ An official copy of the applicant's transcript. Not required for renewal applicants.

- ☐ 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.

- ☐ Upon receipt of the applicant's complete application, the financial aid office will submit the application 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 Standing This School Year:

- ☐ Freshman
- ☐ Sophomore
- ☐ Junior
- ☐ Senior

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

Ethnicity:

Your ethnicity will not be shared with the Criminal Justice Scholar selection committee and is used solely for statistical purposes.

Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If "No," select one or more of the following racial categories:

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ White

Sex:

☐ Male ☐ Female

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.

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Signature of Applicant Date

School Certificate

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

_____
Signature of Official Date

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Printed Name Title of Official Institution