

February 25, 2010

**TO: ALL SHERIFFS**

**FROM: STEVE CASEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**RE: SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SONS/DAUGHTERS OF YOUR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES WHO ARE PURSUING CRIMINAL JUSTICE CAREERS**

We are beginning the process of accepting applications for seven (7) separate FSA Scholarships, worth \$1,000 apiece, for the school term beginning in the Fall, 2010.

In general terms, interested applicants must:

1. Be a dependent son or daughter of any full-time sheriff's office employee;
2. Be attending a college or community college that is regionally accredited (i.e. the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools), and be enrolled in a degree-seeking program, in the school term beginning in the Fall, 2010;
3. Certify within the application that they are planning a career in law enforcement, corrections, or a related criminal justice field.

PLEASE NOTE that the application is (5) five pages long. For that reason, I recommend that you keep the master copy of the application form in your office or in another central location, and simply post multiple copies of the notice we have included herein on bulletin boards stationed throughout your agency. Then, interested parties can secure an application from that central location rather than force us to make hundreds of copies for widespread distribution.

If you have any questions, call Patti Brigance of FSA staff at (850) 877-2165.

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attachments: 1. NOTICE FOR POSTING AROUND YOUR AGENCY  
2. ONE COMPLETE SET OF BLANK APPLICATION FORMS



## **2010 Florida Sheriffs Association Scholarships Available**

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

This program is open to any dependent son or daughter of a full-time sheriff's office employee. The dependent must be attending a regionally accredited community college, college or university (i.e., the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools), in the school term to begin in the Fall, 2010. The dependent's career objective and degree must be focused towards law enforcement, law, corrections, or another aspect of criminal justice. Unrelated course majors are not eligible.

### **HOW MANY ARE AWARDED AND HOW MUCH ARE THEY WORTH?**

Up to seven (7) separate scholarships may be awarded, valued at \$1,000 each.

### **SPECIAL INFORMATION:**

All applications for scholarships must be accompanied by certain documentation, a listing of which is included in the application package.

### **WHERE CAN I GET AN APPLICATION PACKAGE?**

Contact the sheriff's executive secretary or administrative assistant within the Office of Sheriff in the county in which you work. Each of them has been issued a single master copy of the application form and procedures, and they will provide you with a copy for your use.

### **WHAT IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE?**

To facilitate the work of the screening committee, applications for scholarships **must** be received at FSA headquarters **by April 30, 2010**. Winners will be notified shortly thereafter.

### **IF I NEED FURTHER INFORMATION, WHERE DO I CALL?**

Call Patti Brigance, Florida Sheriffs Association headquarters in Tallahassee, (850)877-2165.

**APPLICATION FOR  
FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**

**For the school year beginning in the Fall, 2010**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ IN FALL, 2010 \_\_\_ Freshman \_\_\_ Sophomore

City \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Senior

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ THIS YEAR: Class rank \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class size \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Feel Free To Use Additional Sheets, If Necessary)*

Since at least one of the applicant's parents must be a full-time, paid (sworn or civilian) employee of a sheriff's office in Florida, it is my Mother / Father (circle one) who is employed at the:

Sheriffs Office in \_\_\_\_\_ County

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position held \_\_\_\_\_

My intended career path after college is\*

LAW ENFORCEMENT \_\_\_\_\_ CORRECTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER CRIMINAL JUSTICE RELATED \_\_\_\_\_

(\*APPLICANTS MUST PLAN TO PURSUE a criminal justice related career)

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What experience, if any, have you had related to law enforcement, corrections, or the courts?  
Give details, including dates, locations, and duties.

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I have been active in the following school and/or community organizations:

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List any leadership positions you have held in school and/or community organizations,  
and which of those positions you now hold:

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List all awards or commendations you have received, the sponsoring organizations,  
the reason for your winning, and date of award:

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Name of community college, college or university you will be attending in the Fall, 2010:  
(Must be regionally accredited, e.g. by the “Southern Association of Colleges & Schools”)

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Which specific degree or certification will you be working towards?

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**EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES**

If there are extenuating family circumstances that should be brought to the attention of the screening committee, in their consideration of this application, please explain:

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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. A copy of your most recent transcript (H.S. or college).
2. An original essay of at least 750 words on the role of law enforcement or corrections in a free society.
3. Three letters of recommendation, including at least one from: (1) a school or community official, and (2) a law enforcement or corrections official (not your parent). These letters should specifically address your qualifications for this scholarship.

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**APPLICANT'S OATH & APPROVALS**

**Applicant's Oath**

AS AN APPLICANT FOR AN FSA SCHOLARSHIP, I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT:

1. I am presently in good health and know of no physical or psychological limitation I have that would prevent my full participation in a police, corrections or related career.
2. I know of no reason why the school or college listed above would not accept me as a full-time student in the Fall, 2010.
3. I certify the accuracy and truthfulness of the facts contained in this application.
4. I understand that this scholarship is a one-time award that is limited to \$1,000, and should I win the award, that the check will be made **payable only to the regionally accredited college or university of my choosing**, and placed in an account bearing my name. I further understand that I will be allowed to draw against that account for full-time tuition and book expenses only, until the account balance is exhausted.
5. I understand that funding beyond this \$1,000 award is not expressed, implied or expected, and that all unused scholarship money which remain on account for me in an "inactive" status for 12 months or more, will revert back to the Florida Sheriffs Association.
6. I understand that the balance of my college expenses (tuition, books, lodging, etc.) above the sum of \$1,000 are my responsibility, and not the responsibility of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Parent/Guardian Approval and Waiver**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as parent or legal guardian of the applicant named herein, approve of my dependent son or daughter's application for a Florida Sheriffs Association Scholarship. In consideration of the benefits derived from this award, I agree that if my child should be awarded a scholarship, I hereby voluntarily waive any claim against the Florida Sheriffs Association, its officers, members or directors, or any of its subsidiaries, for any and all causes that may arise as a result of being awarded this scholarship.

I CERTIFY that I am a full-time (civilian or sworn), paid employee of the sheriff's office in \_\_\_\_\_ County, holding the position of \_\_\_\_\_.

FURTHER, I CERTIFY that my son or daughter plans to attend a regionally accredited community college, college or university, in the fall of this year, and that, thereafter, (s)he plans to pursue a career in law enforcement, corrections, or a related criminal justice field.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

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Daytime Phone Number

**\*\*DEADLINE** - This application must be completed and received at the Florida Sheriffs Association headquarters **NO LATER** than April 30, 2010. Scholarship winners will be notified shortly thereafter. If you have any questions, please call Patti Brigance of FSA staff at (850) 877-2165. Mail completed applications to:

Florida Sheriffs Association  
**ATTN: Scholarship Committee**  
Post Office Box 12519  
Tallahassee, Florida 32317-2519