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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Policy - Procedure Statement

PURPOSE

The Minnesota Sheriffs' Association recognizes the importance of pre-service training to prepare individuals in the rewarding career of public service. It also recognizes that some candidates need outside help in meeting the costs of such training, as well as, those candidates who excel academically.

Members of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association give recognition to the lack of financial assistance available to students attending the mandated peace officer's skills course or a two/four year law enforcement degree school. This statement sets forth a policy decision reached by the Members and the procedures to implement the policy.

POLICY

The Minnesota Sheriffs' Association has determined that education is a fundamental core of our Association. The Membership of this Association will provide financial support through the form of student scholarships to an identified student or students who is not POST licensed, in the second year of a two year law enforcement degree program, or to any student who is in the third or fourth year of a four year law enforcement degree program. This policy shall remain in effect consistent with funding to support this program.

PROCEDURES

1. Applications and disbursement of funds:

   a. The Scholarship Committee of the Association will only accept applications processed through the County Sheriff in the home county of residence of the applicant. Applications submitted directly to the Committee by candidates, without channeling through their Sheriff, will not be considered.

   b. It is the candidate's obligation to have the Sheriff of the candidate's home county endorse the application and provide pertinent information that will assist to determine the candidate's good character and general citizenship qualities.

c. The deadline for submission of applications is set by board action.

d. The Scholarship Committee in making its selection of awards, intends to achieve representation from all geographical areas of the state.

e. The amount of the awards may cover part or all of the course costs, but in no case will they exceed $600.00 per candidate.

2. Student Criteria:

a. Candidates are required to demonstrate their academic achievements. Applicants must submit a copy of a transcript from each school attended and a completed MSA application.

b. General behavior and attitude will also be considered. Related factor may be partially revealed though the required endorsement by the Sheriff. A review of the application will be completed by the submitting Sheriff along with a recommendation to the committee.