GENERAL INFORMATION: The Criminal Justice Scholarships (CJS) were established by the North Carolina Sheriffs’ Association (NCSA) to assist academically talented undergraduate students who are residents of North Carolina and are majoring in criminal justice. Students may attend any of the ten constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina that award a degree in criminal justice. The eligible institutions are Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina Central University, NC State University, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and Winston-Salem State University. Administrative management of this program was turned over to the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) in 1992.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:
Student must be a North Carolina resident.
Student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 semester hours per term.
First priority in selection is given to (1) a son or daughter of a NC sheriff or NC deputy sheriff or (2) any NC law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty.
Second priority is given to (1) a son or daughter of any NC sheriff or deputy sheriff who is deceased, retired (regular or disability), or (2) is currently an active NC law enforcement.
Third priority is given to any NC criminal justice student meeting the institution's academic criteria who also has financial need.

PROGRAM: The financial aid office of the individual UNC campus chooses the nominee. The North Carolina Sheriff’s Association chooses the recipient. The award is nonrenewable and can be made to any academic class. Only one Criminal Justice Scholarship is awarded to each eligible constituent institution annually. There is no prohibition against an institution electing to support a single student throughout his/her undergraduate education with a Criminal Justice Scholarship.

VALUE: The amount of the Criminal Justice Scholarship is $1,000 each semester.

HOW TO APPLY: Applications for the Criminal Justice Scholarship are available from the Criminal Justice Dept or financial aid office at the constituent institution of The University of North Carolina that the student plans to attend or is currently attending. Students must complete the CJS application, obtain an official copy of their most recent transcript, list all extracurricular and community service activities participated in within the last two years, compose a one page signed statement stating why he or she is seeking financial aid and state their educational and career objectives in law enforcement, and obtain a letter of recommendation from the sheriff of the county in which he/she currently resides. All items must be presented as a package to the financial aid office. The financial aid office will select the nominee for that institution and forward the nominee’s information to the NCSEAA. NCSEAA will notify the institution of the recipient.
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP
2014-2015 APPLICATION

The North Carolina Sheriffs’ Association (NCSA) created the Criminal Justice Scholarship to assist academically talented students who are dependents of law enforcement officials or who are studying in the criminal justice field and demonstrate financial need. The NCSA sponsors this scholarship and the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) administers the scholarship.

Applicants must be a North Carolina resident enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours in a degree-granting criminal justice program. Applicants must be recommended by their local sheriff. Selection of recipients is based on the following priorities:

1st priority: a son or daughter of (1) a NC sheriff, (2) a NC deputy sheriff, or (3) any NC law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty.

2nd priority: a son or daughter of (1) a NC sheriff or deputy sheriff who is deceased or retired (regular or disability), or (2) a NC sheriff or deputy sheriff who is currently active in NC law enforcement.

3rd priority: an academically eligible NC criminal justice student with demonstrated financial need. (These applicants must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA.)

The Criminal Justice Scholarship award may be used at any of the following eligible University of North Carolina constituent institutions:
- Appalachian State University
- East Carolina University
- Elizabeth City State University
- Fayetteville State University
- North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
- North Carolina Central University
- North Carolina State University
- University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- University of North Carolina at Wilmington
- Winston-Salem State University
- Western Carolina University

These scholarships are valued at $1,000 each semester.

One nominee for the scholarship is chosen each year by the financial aid office at each eligible constituent institution of the University of North Carolina, subject to approval by the NCSA and continued funding by the Association. Applications must be certified by the financial aid official at the institution and mailed to NCSEAA (P.O. Box 13663, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-3663).

Application Procedures
Procedures for applying for the Criminal Justice Scholarship (CJS):
Complete the CJS application (on reverse) and submit to your institution’s financial aid office along with:
- A signed statement (one-page) explaining your interest in this scholarship and your education and career goals.
- An official copy of your transcript.
- A letter of recommendation from your local county sheriff. (Please note that your local sheriff must be a member of the NC Sheriffs’ Association.)

Upon receipt of a complete application, the financial aid office will submit your application to NCSEAA 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: _______/____/____

Select the institution you will attend in 2014-2015:
☐ Appalachian State University
☐ East Carolina University
☐ Elizabeth City State University
☐ Fayetteville State University
☐ North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
☐ North Carolina Central University
☐ North Carolina State University
☐ University of North Carolina at Charlotte
☐ University of North Carolina at Pembroke
☐ University of North Carolina at Wilmington
☐ Winston-Salem State University
☐ Western Carolina University

College Class
☐ First-Time First-Year Student
☐ Returning First-Year Student

Standing in

2014-2015:
☐ Sophomore
☐ Junior
☐ Senior

Check all of the below which describe you:

I am the son or daughter of:
☐ a N.C. Sheriff.
☐ a N.C. Deputy Sheriff.
☐ a N.C. Law Enforcement Officer (Active or Retired).
☐ a N.C. Law Enforcement Officer killed in the line of duty.
☐ a retired or deceased N.C. Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff.

Ethnicity:
Your ethnicity will not be shared with the CJS 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
☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
☐ Asian
☐ White
☐ Black or African American

Sex:
☐ Male
☐ Female

Personal Certification:
I am a NC resident the above information is true. I will abide by the rules of the CJS Program described above.

Signature of Applicant ___________________________ Date ______

School Certification
I certify that this student is academically eligible for a Criminal Justice Scholarship (CJS), majors in criminal justice or a related field and (if applicable) has financial need. This student is my institution’s nominee for the CJS award for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Signature of Financial Aid Official ___________________________ Date ______

Printed Name ___________________________ Title of Official ___________________________ Institution ___________________________