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 and the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) administers the scholarship to the students.

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. 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 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
- University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- University of North Carolina at Wilmington
- Western Carolina University
- Winston-Salem State University

Value of Scholarship – Each Criminal Justice Scholarship is valued at $2,000 per year. Money not used for the second semester due to student withdrawal 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 constituent institution of the University of North Carolina, subject to approval by the NCSEAA and continued funding by the association. Applications must be approved and signed by the financial aid official at the institution and mailed to NCSEAA (Post Office Box 13663, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-3663).

Application Procedure is as follows:

- 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 for processing.
  - In the case where two students apply for the same scholarship at the same University, the Association will award two (2), but not three (3) scholarships if both applicants meet all requirements and qualify within only priority 1 through 2. If more than two (2) applicants meet all scholarship requirements and are classified in the same priority level the scholarship will be based on the candidate’s financial need.
THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS’ ASSOCIATION
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP
ANNUAL APPLICATION

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

Select the institution you will attend this school year:

☐ Appalachian State University ☐ Eastern Carolina University
☐ East Carolina University ☐ University of North Carolina at Charlotte
☐ Elizabeth City State University ☐ University of North Carolina at Pembroke
☐ Fayetteville State University ☐ University of North Carolina at Wilmington
☐ North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University ☐ Western Carolina University
☐ North Carolina Central University ☐ Winston-Salem State University

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

School Year: ☐ Sophomore

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:

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

☐ A N.C. Law Enforcement Officer (Active or Retired)

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

This student was sponsored by: ___________________________________________

Name of Sheriff County

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

________________________________________________________________________

Signature of Applicant Date

School Certificate
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 academic year.

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Signature of Official Date

Printed Name Title of Official Institution

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