

# **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 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	North Carolina State 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 A & T State University	Western Carolina University
North Carolina Central University	Winston-Salem State University

**Value of Scholarship** – Each Criminal Justice Scholarship is valued at \$2,000 per year, \$1000 for the Spring/Fall semester. 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) 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.

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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*

**Select the institution you will attend this school year:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appalachian State University                               | <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina State University            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East Carolina University                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> University of North Carolina at Charlotte  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth City State University                            | <input type="checkbox"/> University of North Carolina at Pembroke   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fayetteville State University                              | <input type="checkbox"/> University of North Carolina at Wilmington |
| <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University | <input type="checkbox"/> Western Carolina University                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina Central University                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Winston-Salem State University             |

- College Class**       First-Time First-Year Student       Junior  
**Standing This**       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:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A N.C. Sheriff                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> A N.C. Law Enforcement Officer killed in the line of duty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A N.C. Deputy Sheriff                              | <input type="checkbox"/> A retired or deceased N.C. Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian                            | <input type="checkbox"/> White                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

Signature of Official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title of Official \_\_\_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_