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The application period for the Minnesota Sheriff's Association (MSA) annual Law Enforcement Scholarship Program for 2018 has begun. The MSA Board of Directors has established a scholarship fund for the awarding of up to fifteen \$600 scholarships for this year. These scholarships are due to the coordinated efforts of the 87 Sheriffs of the State of Minnesota. The members of the MSA give special recognition to the financial needs of students who are attending a peace officer skills course, or pursuing a two or four year law enforcement degree. The Board of Directors feel peace officers in our democratic society have complex duties to perform. The MSA recognizes the importance of pre-entry training for people considering law enforcement as their career choice. The MSA recognizes some students need outside help in meeting the costs of such training, even though they excel academically.

The Scholarship Committee, in making its selection of awards, intends on achieving representation from all geographical areas of the state. As such, applicants must apply to the sheriff's office serving their home address. Application forms and a statement of procedures are available at the Benton County Sheriff's Office and online at

<https://www.co.benton.mn.us/237/Forms>. Scholarships are only available to students currently enrolled in one of the following three courses of study:

1. Mandated POST Skills Program
2. In their second year of a two year law enforcement program.
3. In their third or fourth year of a four year college criminal justice program.

Applications must be submitted to the applicant's local sheriff by October 12th, 2018. Scholarship awards will be announced by December 28th, 2018.

Troy Heck
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