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The application period for the Minnesota Sheriff's Association (MSA) annual Law Enforcement Scholarship Program for 2024 has begun. The MSA Board of Directors has established a scholarship fund for the awarding of up to eighteen \$2,000 scholarships for this year. These scholarships are made possible through 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 MSA 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 MSA Scholarship Committee, in making its selection of awards, intends on achieving representation from all geographical areas of the state and encourages qualified students from throughout Minnesota to apply with their local sheriff's office. Application forms and a statement of procedures are available in person at the Benton County Sheriff's Office and online at either www.co.benton.mn.us/237/Forms or <https://www.mnsheriffs.org>. 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 November 15th, 2024. Scholarship winners will be announced on December 30th, 2024.

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