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2021 Minnesota Sheriffs' Association Scholarship Program

Sheriff James Stuart of Anoka County announced today the commencement of the Law Enforcement Scholarship Program for 2021. The Minnesota Sheriffs' Association (MSA) Board of Directors has established a scholarship fund for the awarding of up to 15 - \$2,000 scholarships for this year. These scholarships are due to the coordinated efforts of the 87 Sheriffs of the State of Minnesota.

The Members of MSA gives special recognition to the financial needs of students attending the peace officer skills course, or one of the two- or four-year law enforcement degree colleges. "This partnership with the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association is a great way to invest in a positive future direction for Minnesota law enforcement." said Sheriff Stuart. MSA recognizes the importance of pre-entry training for people considering law enforcement as their career choice, and that 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. Scholarship applications are **due to their local sheriff's office by November 19, 2021** and awards will be announced by December 29th of the same year. Application forms and a statement of procedures are available at the Anoka County Sheriff's Office in Andover.

Scholarships are only available to students currently enrolled in one of the following three categories:

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.

In order to qualify, students must have completed at least one year of the two-year program or two years of a four-year program. Students meeting these criteria are invited to obtain a scholarship application from their local sheriff's office or online at www.mnsheriffs.org. Once at the website, visit **Sheriffs In The Community>Scholarships**.

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