



## THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP ANNUAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

**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. The North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) administers the scholarship to the students within The University of North Carolina System. The North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (NCICU) administers the scholarship to the students attending private, non-profit colleges in North Carolina.

**Applicant Eligibility** - Applicants must be a North Carolina resident enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours in an undergraduate degree granting criminal justice program at one of the institutions of The University of North Carolina or the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities. 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 UNC Universities –**

Appalachian State University	North Carolina State University
East Carolina University	The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Elizabeth City State University	The University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Fayetteville State University	The University of North Carolina at Wilmington
North Carolina A & T State University	Western Carolina University
North Carolina Central University	Winston-Salem State University

### **Eligible Private Colleges or Universities –**

Barton College	Johnson C. Smith University	Salem College
Belmont Abbey College	Lees-McRae College	Shaw University
Brevard College	Lenoir-Rhyne University	St. Augustine's University
Campbell University	Livingston College	University of Mount Olive
Catawba College	Mars Hill University	William Peace University
Chowan University	Meredith College	Wingate University
Gardner-Webb University	Methodist University	
Greensboro College	Montreat College	
Guilford College	North Carolina Wesleyan College	
High Point University	Pfeiffer University	

**Value of Scholarship** – Each Criminal Justice Scholarship is valued at \$2,000 per year, \$1,000 for the Fall semester and \$1,000 for the Spring semester. Scholarship funds not used due to student withdrawal, or dismissal, 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 college or university, subject to approval by the NCSEAA or NCICU, and subject to continued funding by the Association. Applications must be approved and signed by the financial aid official at the college or university. The Financial Aid Official will mail the chosen application(s) to either NCSEAA (Post Office Box 13663, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-3663) or NCICU (530 North Blount Street, Raleigh, NC 27604).

## Required Documents

**Students applying for the scholarship must complete the Criminal Justice Scholarship Application and submit it to the qualifying college or university's financial aid office along with:**

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. Upon receipt of the applicant's complete application, the financial aid office will submit the application of the student who is selected to the NCSEAA or the NCICU for processing.



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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*

Student Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

College Class  Freshman  Junior  
This School  Sophomore  Senior  
Year:

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:

- N.C. Sheriff  N.C. Law Enforcement Officer killed in the line of duty  
 N.C. Deputy Sheriff  Retired or deceased N.C. Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff  
 Financial Need (application with FAFSA completed)

**Ethnicity:**

*Your ethnicity will not be shared with the Criminal Justice Scholar 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 a NC resident, and the above information is true. I will abide by the rules and criteria set forth to receive this scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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**This section should be completed by the Financial Aid Office of the college or university.**

**Please certify that this student is**

- Enrolled in your college or university**
- For a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester**
- In a degree granting criminal justice program**

**School Certificate**

I certify that this student is eligible for a Criminal Justice Scholarship (CJS), majors in criminal justice and (if applicable) has financial need. This student is my institution's selection for the Criminal Justice Scholarship for the academic year.

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Signature of Official

Date

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Printed Name

Title of Official

Institution

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