



Rice County Deputy Sheriff's Association

Oct. 17, 2024

For immediate release

Deputy Sheriff's Association again offering scholarships in late sheriff's name

A memorial scholarship named for the late Rice County Sheriff Dave Schweisthal is again being offering to Rice County students pursuing a career in law enforcement.

Schweisthal, who retired in 1997, was sheriff for 17 of his 33-year career with the Rice County Sheriff's Office. The scholarship was created by his family. Those funds have been matched by the Rice County Deputy Sheriff's Association, allowing two \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded annually.

Now, perhaps more than ever, communities need law enforcement officers who will protect with integrity, service and empathy.

Scholarship criteria/qualifications

- Be a current or former resident of Rice County (*including Faribault, Northfield, Dundas, Lonsdale, Morristown and Nerstrand*)
- Applicants should be enrolled in a law enforcement program at an accredited school seeking one of the following:
 - An associate's degree in law enforcement
 - A bachelor's degree in law enforcement or related criminal justice major
 - A Law Enforcement Certificate or Skills Program
- If the selected winner is a current high school senior, partial payment will be made when awarding the scholarship. The second portion will be awarded after completion of their first post graduate semester.

Application Process

Application consists of the following: (*incomplete applications will not be considered*)

- Personal Information Page
- Essay Response
- Reference Form
- Information Release

NOTE: The application attached is a fillable pdf.

Scholarship application packets must be completed and turned in no later than Nov. 15, 2024.

In person at the Rice County Sheriff's Office

118 Third St. NW, Faribault, MN 55021

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

-or-

Mailed to Rice County Deputy Sheriff's Association

Attn: Schweisthal Scholarship

118 Third St. NW

Faribault, MN 55021

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Nonprofit organization based on community service and volunteerism to benefit the residents of Rice County.



Sheriff Schweisthal Scholarship Application

Personal Information Page

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Driver's License#: _____ State of Issuance: _____
High School attended: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Current post-secondary enrollment

Name of Institution: _____ City/State: _____
Program/Major sought: _____
Enrollment Date: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Previous post-secondary education

Name of Institution: _____ City/State: _____
Degree Awarded/Reason for Leaving: _____ Date: _____
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Military experience

Branch of Service: _____ Active Duty or Reserve: _____
Rank: _____ Dates of Service: _____

Work experience

Name of Employer: _____ Dates: (from-to) _____
Position/kind of work: _____
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Community/School opportunities *(volunteering, organization, clubs, activities, honors)*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Involvement, position held, etc.</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Essay Response

On a separate sheet of paper, complete an essay of less than 1,000 words addressing the following items:

- Why do you want to become a law enforcement officer?
- What qualities or strengths do you have that will make you a quality officer?
- What areas of growth are you addressing to be the best officer you can be?
- Why are you applying for this scholarship?

References

Provide three well-known adult professional references. These should not be acquaintances, but rather individuals you have known for a minimum of one year who can attest to your character, community involvement, commitment, work ethic and passion for law enforcement.

Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

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Provide two peer references: friends, co-workers, classmates or others who can attest to your character.

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

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Address: _____ Phone: _____

Consent for release of information

You are being asked to supply private or confidential information about yourself. The purpose of asking for this information is to assist the Rice County Sheriff's Office in determining your eligibility for this scholarship. You have a right to refuse to supply this information, however, as a consequence we may not be able to complete the review of your application.

I understand that I may revoke this consent at any time and that upon fulfillment of the above stated purpose this consent will automatically expire without my express revocation. I certify this application information is true and correct.

Printed name _____

Signature _____