

Columbia County  
Chief's Association



Annual  
Scholarship  
Award Program

## **About the CCAA**

The Columbia County Chief's Association (CCCA) was formed by the Law Enforcement Administrators of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Columbia County District Attorney's Office, and the Police Departments of Wisconsin Dells, Portage, Poynette, Lodi, Wyocena, Fall River, Rio, Columbus and Randolph. The association was created to improve upon and enhance law enforcement operations and corroboration among law enforcement agencies in Columbia County. The goal is to promote effective and coordinated law enforcement services to keep Columbia County safe.

The association continues to strengthen local law enforcement with professionalism, training, ethics and leadership to better protect life and property of the citizens of Columbia County. The CCCA strives to support the local law enforcement officers and our citizens.

The association is promoting and supporting young men and women from Columbia County who want to enter into the criminal justice field. We feel that in paying it forward and supporting the educations of future law enforcement students through financial scholarships is a great way to keep the tradition of a strong ethical local law enforcement.

## **Columbia County Chief's Association Scholarship Program**

The Columbia County Chief's Association annual scholarship award program was developed to offer financial assistance to full-time students pursuing a degree in law enforcement related field at any Wisconsin College or Technical School. Its purpose is to encourage educational growth and professionalism among police officers and deputy sheriffs in the State of Wisconsin and more specifically, Columbia County.

One, \$500 scholarship will be awarded and winners will be selected on a competitive basis. Any Columbia County resident that is enrolling in a Wisconsin College or Technical School, and has a course of study leading to a degree in a law enforcement related field, is eligible.

Members of this association's committee will select the scholarship recipients. All decisions made are final. The recipient must submit proof of his/her enrollment at an accredited technical school/university. Awards are not retroactive and may not be credited to semesters already completed. Recipient must be enrolled in the fall semester of 2024. After the student has submitted proof of enrollment, a check for the scholarship award will be given directly to the scholarship recipient.

If you have any questions, please contact CCCA member Assistant Chief Richard Hoege at the Portage Police Department 608-742-2174 or via email at [Richard.hoege@portagewi.gov](mailto:Richard.hoege@portagewi.gov).

# Scholarship Rules

1. Application must comply with the admission requirement for a full-time student in a Criminal Justice related program at a college or technical school in the State of Wisconsin.
2. TO APPLY:
  - a. Fill out and submit the attached Scholarship Application in its entirety.
  - b. Enclose three letters of recommendation from three separate sources, which may include family members, school, neighbor, clergy, employer, civic organization, law enforcement, etc.
  - c. Enclose an official transcript of your high school and / or college grades.
  - d. Enclose a recent photo.
  - e. Additional information may be attached as appropriate.
  - f. Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024** and mailed to:

Columbia County Chiefs Association  
C/O Assistant Chief Richard Hoege  
117 West Pleasant St  
Portage, WI 53901

3. Failure to comply with instructions will result in ineligibility.

**Thank You**

“The Columbia County Chiefs Association has been a leader in the continuing professionalism and integrity for law enforcement standards. The association cannot stress enough the importance of supporting young men and women who want to enter the law enforcement profession.

At this time I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the members of our association for their contribution in implementing this scholarship program.”

~ CCCA President Chief Keith Klafke

**Columbia County Chief's Association**

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## Scholarship Application (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name:

First name:

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Date of Birth:

Mailing Address:

City:

State and Zip Code:

Home Phone Number:

Cell phone Number:

Email address:

1. Are you currently enrolled as a full-time college student in a Criminal Justice related program?  
 Yes  No

If yes, which college are you enrolled at and what is your declared major/minor?

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Anticipated graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_ (enclose official transcript if currently attending college)

2. Are you currently a high school senior?  
 Yes  No

Which High School do/did you attend and year of graduation? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which college(s) have you applied to? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of application(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been accepted?  Yes  No  Not yet

What is or will be your declared major/minor? \_\_\_\_\_

3. List law enforcement activities in which you have participated:

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4. Describe your involvement with the community and volunteer activities. Community involvement is unpaid volunteer work for the improvement and well-being of individuals, organizations or groups. Indicate your role and degree of involvement in community service.

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5. Extra-Curricular Activities - Identify other interests and activities that supplement your academic work and community service activities. These should be activities that are generally offered or are a part of your high school career.

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6. Honors and awards received: (List any honor society inductions and sports awards in this section)

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7. What are your greatest strengths?

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8. What are your long term goals in the Criminal Justice field?

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9. How will you be better able to serve your community with the criminal justice schooling?

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10. Please describe why you deserve to be chosen to receive this scholarship?

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I authorize access and release to the scholarship selection committee all relevant information concerning my application. This information will be used only for evaluating the application and not published or shared with others.

I understand to ensure a fair and objective review process, it is the policy of the CCCA not to comment on the deliberation of the association committee. Thus, the CCCA is unable to provide written or oral evaluations to applicants after decisions are made. No provisions exist for reconsideration of awards after scholarships are announced. All applications and supporting materials become the property of the CCCA and, as such, will not be returned.

I certify that the information I have supplied on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that knowingly submitting inaccurate or false information will result in the denial or loss of any scholarship offers or awards.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Additional information you wish to share may be attached to this application.*

Mail this scholarship application, plus the attachments, postmarked before **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024** to:

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