

# **Rice County Deputy Sheriff's Association**

## **Sheriff Dave Schweisthal Memorial Scholarship 2022**

The late Sheriff Dave Schweisthal was the Sheriff of Rice County for 17 years of his 33 year career with the Rice County Sheriff's Office. A memorial scholarship was created by his family and funds have been matched by the Rice County Deputy Sheriff's Association to award two scholarships annually in the amount of \$1000.

Now, possibly 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 the cities of Faribault, Northfield, Dundas, Lonsdale, Morristown, Nerstrand)
- Applicants should be enrolled in a law enforcement program at an accredited school seeking one of the following:
  - An associates 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 at time of awarding the scholarship and the second portion will be awarded after completion of the first semester.

### **Application Process**

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

- 1) Personal Information Page
- 2) Essay Response
- 3) Reference Form
- 4) Information Release

Scholarship packets are to be completed and turned in no later than **May 6, 2022**.

In person at the Rice County Sheriff's Office  
118 3rd St NW, Faribault, MN 55021  
Monday-Friday 8:00-4:00pm

-or-

Mailed to Rice County Deputy Sheriff's Association  
Attn: Schweisthal Scholarship  
118 3rd St NW  
Faribault, MN 55021



### **Essay Response**

In your essay response address 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 are areas for growth or weaknesses that you are addressing to be the best officer you can be?
- Why are you applying for this scholarship?

### **References**

Provide 3 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.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Provide 2 peer references. These could be friends, co-workers, classmates, or others who can attest to your character.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **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.

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Printed Name    Signature    Date