



Law Enforcement Opportunities

Scholarship Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Please note: Nearly all LEO scholarship communication is conducted by email and most communication will require your prompt response. Please submit an email address that you check on a regular basis. If contacted by LEO, you must respond in the prescribed time period or you will be removed from consideration.

Applicant Criteria

To be eligible for a LEO scholarship, you must meet the following applicant criteria:

- A person whose identity includes BIPOC or female with an interest in a law enforcement, criminal justice, or corrections career within the state of Minnesota
- A current student with financial need
- Attending a Minnesota post-secondary education institution, or have made application and been accepted into a Minnesota post-secondary education institution with the intent to register for the upcoming term in a law enforcement, criminal justice, or corrections program

Are you a person whose identity includes BIPOC or female with an interest in a law enforcement, criminal justice, or corrections career within the State of Minnesota? Yes or No

Racial/Ethnic Identification: _____

Gender Identification: _____

Are you a current student with financial need? Yes or No

Have you completed and submitted the Federal Student Aid Packet (FAFSA)? Yes or No

Are you attending a Minnesota post-secondary education institution, or have made application and gained acceptance into a Minnesota post-secondary education institution with the intent to register for the upcoming term in law enforcement, criminal justice, or corrections? Yes or No

Are you now or have you been the recipient of any other scholarships in the past two years? If yes, which one(s) and amount awarded (include LEO scholarship in past years if applicable):

Education, Career and Extra Curricular Activities

Current Employer: _____

Current work/career position: _____

College or University that you plan to attend in upcoming term: _____

Program of study (major/degree): _____

Start of this degree program (Month & Year): _____

Estimated graduation date: _____

Intended Career: _____

List all participation in law enforcement, criminal justice, or corrections organizations: _____

List all current community service you are involved in: _____

Additional Requirements

Please attach the following items to this application:

A personal résumé, no longer than two pages in length.

Current transcript (unofficial transcript is acceptable); or, a first term student may submit a letter of acceptance. Upcoming registration is required and must be reflected in this transcript or letter. Please contact LEO at info@laweo.org if you have any questions or concerns about this requirement.

A letter of recommendation for this scholarship from a teacher or business associate. This letter should be on their official letterhead and **MUST** contain contact information for this individual.

A letter of interest for this scholarship authored by you in which you state the following information:

- 1) Your name and current occupation or employment (as applicable)
- 2) Your intended occupation and why you are interested in this occupation; and a plan to reach your career goal
- 3) Why you are applying for the scholarship and why you should be selected
- 4) If you are a returning applicant or scholarship recipient, a statement of what you have done in the past year to support women and/or BIPOC in law enforcement, criminal justice and/or corrections
- 5) Anything else about yourself or your accomplishments that you would like the committee to know as your application is considered. Please craft this statement to be concise and no longer than one page in length

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to scholarship award, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my denial of award.

I further understand the following: if I submit an incomplete application, I will not be considered for a scholarship; and that all statements, pictures, and written materials submitted by me or taken of me during the application, interview, or awards process are subject to publication by LEO for purposes of advertising and promotion, including, but not limited to, the LEO website.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



LEO Scholarship Release

I, _____, hereby swear, that as an applicant for the LEO Scholarship, I have not been convicted of any of the below listed crimes in the state of Minnesota or any other state:

Minnesota Rule 6700.0700 - Please refer to the actual rule for official requirements:

Criminal History Disqualifications: Charged with and found guilty of any of the following (regardless of expungements, deferrals, or dismissals):

- A felony in Minnesota or an offense in another jurisdiction that would be a felony if committed in Minnesota. in another jurisdiction that is not considered to be a felony under Minnesota law, unless the felony has been expunged, set aside, pardoned, or the person's civil rights have been restored and expressly provides for the possession of a firearm.
- Gross misdemeanor assault in the fifth degree under 609.224
- Bias crimes* including assaults motivated by bias under 609.2231, Subd 4, and criminal damage to property under 609.595 Subd 2, paragraph b.
- Domestic Assault under 609.2242.
- Violation of a domestic abuse no contact order* under 629.75, Subd 2.
- Violation of an order for protection* under 518B.01, Subd 14.
- Harassment or stalking* under 609.749.
- Violation of a harassment restraining order (HRO)* under 609.748, Subd 6.
- Sexual extortion* under 609.3458.
- Criminal Sexual Conduct* under 609.341 to 609.3451.
- Indecent exposure* under 617.23.
- Any mistreatment of a vulnerable adult (several statutes).
- Patrons of prostitution under 609.324, Subd 2.
- Making false claims* for profit to a public body or officer under 609.465.
- Attempting medical assistance fraud under 609.466.
- Theft (609.52), except that misdemeanor theft of movable property valued at \$500 or less is not an automatic disqualification.
- Interference with an emergency call* under 609.78.
- Nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images*
- Interference with privacy*
- Malicious punishment of a child* under 609.377.
- Mistreating animals* under 343.21.
- Misconduct of a public officer or public employee* under 609.43.
- Narcotics or controlled substance law, excluding any non-felony marijuana offenses.
- Required to register as a predatory offender under 243.166 or 243.167 (or in any other state).
- Other Disqualifications from licensure
- Listed on the National Decertification Index* or have had a law enforcement license, certification, or authorization in any jurisdiction revoked or rescinded.

- Discriminatory conduct*
- Conduct with a Hate or extremist group or a criminal gang*.

The list in its entirety is available online. For more information and further details see the MN POST Board website at <https://mn.gov/post/>

I also swear that all of the statements that I have made in this document are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that withholding any information or making any false statement on this application is grounds for my rejection as a scholarship recipient. I give LEO, or its agent, my permission to verify any and all information provided in this application to determine my suitability for this scholarship award. This may include, but not be limited to criminal background checks, verification of employment and verification of education.

Should I be selected for the LEO Scholarship, I also give LEO my permission to use my name and photo for publicity and advertising in future years. *Withdrawal of this permission must be expressed in writing to the LEO Board.*

Printed Name:_____

Date of Birth:_____

Signature:_____

Today's Date:_____



LEO Scholarship Recipient Release

By signing below, I, _____, am agreeing to allow LEO, or Law Enforcement Opportunities, to use my name, photographic image, scholarship application materials, and any actual quotes ascribed to me in their promotional materials including, but not limited to, the LEO website, LEO's social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and slideshow, with no prescribed time limit on use.

I understand that LEO will attempt to safeguard my last name, my address, and any other personal identifying information, but I will release them from liability if by inadvertent means this information gets out.

I understand that if selected for a scholarship, my application will be on file with LEO for 1 year, at which time it will be destroyed and discarded. I understand that if I am NOT selected for a scholarship, my application materials will be destroyed and discarded immediately to safeguard my personal information.

I understand this is a permanent release and if I ever desire to revoke the rights granted to LEO by this release, I must do so in writing. I have received information on how to contact LEO in the future if I choose to do so.

Signature: _____

Today's Date: _____



LEO Scholarship Application Checklist

Your application packet **must** contain the following items to be considered:

- ☐ The completed five-page application including the criminal history addendum, which is entitled "LEO Scholarship Release." Your application WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED if you fail to fill out and sign the entire application including the criminal history addendum.
- ☐ A personal resume, no longer than two pages in length.
- ☐ Most current transcript (unofficial transcript is acceptable) or, if you are a first term student, your acceptance letter into a university for the upcoming term. Term registration is required and must be reflected in this transcript or letter. Please contact LEO at info@laweo.org with questions or concerns about this requirement.
- ☐ A letter of recommendation for this scholarship from a teacher or business associate. This letter should be on their official letterhead and must contain contact information for this individual.
- ☐ A letter of interest including the following information, ***authored by you***:
 - 1) Your name and current occupation or employment (*as applicable*)
 - 2) Your intended occupation and why you are interested in this occupation; and a plan to reach your career goal
 - 3) Why you are applying for the scholarship and why you should be selected
 - 4) If you are a returning applicant or scholarship recipient, a statement of what you have done in the past year to support minorities (including BIPOC and women) in law enforcement, criminal justice and/or corrections
 - 5) Anything else about yourself or your accomplishments that you would like the committee to know when we are considering your application. Please craft this statement to be concise and not to exceed one page in length.

Please note: The LEO scholarship is a competitive scholarship and your application will not be considered if it does not fit these guidelines and is not received complete by the stated deadline. Scholarships are awarded in April. The scholarship award procedure includes an in-person interview (March) and an in-person scholarship award ceremony (April), both held in the Twin Cities Metropolitan area. Specific dates and times will be announced. Applications are accepted from October 1 to February 1. Applicants MUST submit proof of the upcoming term registration to be considered for the scholarship opportunity. Questions? Email: info@laweo.org

Recipients of the LEO Scholarship are expected to attend both the award ceremony and the upcoming annual LEO Career Fair (October).

Mail completed application, releases, and materials to:
Law Enforcement Opportunities (LEO)
c/o Public Safety and Police Science Center, Metro State University,
9110 Brooklyn Blvd. Brooklyn Park, MN 55445