



The Denver Police Protective Association



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2023 DPPA Scholarship Instructions/Application

To qualify for a scholarship, a student must:

- Be a son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, niece, nephew, or grandchild, of an active PPA member in good standing with the PPA.
- Be a graduating senior who will be entering college or any institution of higher education for the first time in the Fall of 2023, or a returning college student.
- Be an active officer of the Denver Police Department and PPA member in good standing for one year, enrolled in college classes or any institution of higher education on the way to obtaining or finishing a degree.
- Are not in any way related to any member of the PPA Scholarship Committee
- Submit a written essay of a *maximum* of three (3) pages on a topic selected by the PPA Scholarship Committee
- Submit a completed and signed PPA Scholarship Application
- Submit a signed Scholarship Commitment Letter
- Submit proof of acceptance to college or an institution of higher education, or proof of enrollment.
- Have the application, commitment letter, proof of enrollment, and essay delivered to the PPA offices by 4:30 p.m., Thursday, June 1, 2023. If submitted via US Mail, it must be received by PPA offices by June 1, 2023. No facsimiles or electronic submissions are accepted.
- Submit all documents in a letter-sized, sealed manila envelope, marked "Scholarship Committee."

Essay instructions:

- Please submit, in your own words, a double-spaced essay, three (3) pages maximum in length. Your paper should be typed in 12 pt. Times New Roman font, with a one-inch margin. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR ESSAY and DO NOT PUT ANY NAMES IN YOUR ESSAY IDENTIFYING YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY MEMBER OR ANY MEMBER OF THE DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT.**
- While sourcing is not required nor encouraged, please limit the 2023 essay's research citations to books or authority, statistics, dictionary, or encyclopedia

references, quotes, or the like – *as they will not be counted towards your page count.*

- Applicants whose submissions are late or do not comply with all the listed criteria will be disqualified. There will be no resubmissions.

2023 Essay Topic

Imagine you've just been put in charge of recruitment for a police department and have been asked to explain why, in your opinion, recruitment is down.

After investigating the issue, identify and explain the “top three” reasons police recruitment efforts are falling off.

Next, identify and explain three ways police departments can improve recruitment.

NOTE: The solutions you propose do not need to match up with the problems you've identified. Get creative.

Application judging is always done anonymously.

All scholarships are awarded on an objective and nondiscriminatory basis.

The Scholarship Committee does not know who has entered the process nor is privy to the name of any applicant, his/her relationship to the active officer or anything that may identify his/her race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, gender, age, or the like.

Each applicant is assigned a “number” by someone outside of the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee is provided the essay with an assigned “number.” Only upon completion and placement rank of each essay, is the “number” matched to the applicant and the Committee and applicant are notified of an award.

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR SEALED ENVELOPE CONTAINING YOUR APPLICATION, ESSAY, COMMITMENT LETTER & PROOF OF ENROLLMENT “SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.”

Due to staffing issues, the PPA offices have irregular hours.
Closed Mondays and open 10am-3pm Tuesday-Friday. Please contact Linda at 303-884-6923.

Awards dinner is July 18, 2023