

# HCSO Deputy Bunton Memorial Scholarship



This individual scholarship is named after the late Jeff Bunton, a Hennepin County Sheriff's Deputy who lost his life to pancreatic cancer at the age of 41. Deputy Bunton began his fourteen year career in law enforcement after serving six years in the Navy aboard aircraft carriers. The Deputy Bunton Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a military veteran pursuing a career in law enforcement.

**Are you enrolled or attending a fulltime Criminal Justice or Law Enforcement school in Minnesota?**

**Do you need financial assistance?**

**Are you a military veteran?**

**If attending postsecondary education, is your GPA 2.5 or higher?**

If you can answer "YES" to the above questions, you may be eligible for the HCSO Deputy Bunton Memorial scholarship. Please fill out the following application by **June 30** and mail to:

Hennepin County Sheriff Foundation  
PO Box 15011  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Questions? Email to: [info@sheriffoundation.org](mailto:info@sheriffoundation.org) or call: (612) 339-5600

Download the Deputy Bunton Memorial Scholarship application package at <http://www.sheriffoundation.org/> (Scholarship tab)

## HCSO Deputy Bunton Memorial Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name:	
Street Address:	
City:	
State and Zip:	
Applicant's Email Address:	
Applicant's Phone Number:	
Preferred Contact Method: (pick at least one)	Email? <input type="checkbox"/> Text? <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Call? <input type="checkbox"/>
High School Attended:	
High School Graduation Date:	
High School GPA:	
Post secondary school's name and address:	
Post secondary GPA if already attending:	
Planned post secondary program degree or certificate:	

### Military Service Branch and Dates Served:

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I am a dependent/relative of law enforcement/related field personnel:

Who? \_\_\_\_\_ Their job? \_\_\_\_\_

I have attended Boys and Girls Club, Rebound or was an Explorer:

Which program? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate piece of paper, please type answers to the following questions:

1. List up to 3 school or community organizations or activities in which you have been active.
2. Describe why those activities were important to you or what you learned from participating in them.
3. List your job experience(s).
4. Why do you want to pursue a career in criminal justice/law enforcement?
5. How will this scholarship make a difference in achieving your goals?
6. Answer this statement in at least 200 but not more than 500 words: “How I will make a difference as a Criminal Justice professional.”
7. Include **TWO letters of recommendation**. Please have two teachers, counselors, advisors or principal from your school write a letter of support for your scholarship application. These letters of recommendation should explain why your particular strengths or skills would make you a good candidate for a future career in criminal justice or law enforcement.

**Applicant's Signature**

I certify that the facts I have listed in this application are true and accurate.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement (if under 18)**

It is my understanding that my son/daughter plans to attend a school or college to work toward a career in law enforcement or criminal justice. I, as parent or guardian, am willing and desirous that my son/daughter apply to the Hennepin County Sheriff Foundation for a Sheriff's Scholarship.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please Note:** Not all applicants will be interviewed. A selection of top candidates will be contacted to arrange for an interview time.

*Sample recommendation request letter*

*Name*

*Address*

*City, state, zip*

Dear

I am writing to ask if you would be willing to write a letter of reference to help me obtain a scholarship from the Hennepin County Sheriff Foundation. The Foundation offers scholarships of \$250 to \$2,000 annually for individuals entering two or four year law enforcement or criminal justice programs and I believe I may be eligible to receive one.

The scholarships will be awarded to those who show an aptitude and interest for the field of criminal justice. As my \_\_\_\_\_ teacher, you are in a position to offer a perspective on my skills and abilities in that area.

The Foundation must receive all scholarship application materials by June 1. For your convenience I have enclosed a stamped envelope addressed to the Foundation. If I can provide more information about the scholarship, please let me know. Thank you for helping me with your letter of reference.

Sincerely,

*Your Name*

## Sheriff's Scholarship Fund Eligibility and Selection

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The Sheriff's Scholarship Fund of the Hennepin County Sheriff Foundation will provide scholarship awards to full-time undergraduate students in the field of Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement who are enrolled or will be enrolled at an accredited two year or four year college, in Minnesota, according to the following guidelines:

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### Eligibility:

Recipients of this award will be candidates for a two or four year degree in a field related to Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement. Selection will be based on an interview, essay, two teacher recommendations and a preferred GPA of 2.8 or higher. (Lower GPA's may be considered and weighed with other application criteria.)

In recruiting students for this scholarship, the Foundation will give preference to dependents of Hennepin County Sheriff's Office employees, Special Deputies, volunteers and other law enforcement personnel; and Explorer, Rebound and Boys and Girls Club participants.

Immediate family of the selection committee, HCSF board officers or directors or contributors to the scholarship fund of the Foundation and HCSO employees are not eligible for scholarships.

### Selection:

Selection of the recipient of the Deputy Jeff Bunton Scholarship shall be the responsibility of the Selection Committee of the Hennepin County Sheriff Foundation which will forward top candidates to the Board for final awards. The Foundation reserves the right to amend the scholarship eligibility criteria at any time or withdraw an award prior to receipt if it is found that recipient is no longer eligible.

### General Scholarships:

Awards of up to 50% of the cost of tuition and up to \$2,000 will be made to at one student if the candidate meets the criteria and as the fund balance allows.

Second year awards may be made if the student maintains a GPA of 3.0 and stays in the field of Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement.

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Additional Details may be found at: <http://www.sheriffoundation.org>

Checklist for your application:

- Filled out application including preferred contact method(s)
- Filled out answers to the six questions
- 2 letters of reference – may be mailed separately but must be received by June 30
  
- Unofficial transcript from High School if scholarship applicant has just enrolled at their post secondary school
  - OR -
- Unofficial transcript from post secondary school if applicant has already completed at least one quarter/semester

HCSF reserves the right to ask for official school transcripts for scholarship award winners. If requested, official transcript must be received before the scholarship is awarded.