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TO: ALL SHERIFFS
FROM: STEVE CASEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 
RE: 2018 FSA/MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOUNDATION STEM SCHOLARSHIP

The Florida Sheriffs Association has again received a generous donation of \$20,000 from the Motorola Solutions Foundation to create a STEM Scholarship for students pursuing a career in a STEM-related field. We will be awarding ten (10) \$2,000 scholarships.

In general terms, interested applicants must:

1. Be a son or daughter of any full-time sheriff's office employee;
2. Be attending a college or community college that is regionally accredited (i.e. the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools), and be enrolled in a degree-seeking program, in the school term beginning in the Fall, 2018;
3. Certify within the application that they are planning a career in a STEM related field (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math)

PLEASE NOTE that the application is (5) five pages long. I recommend that you keep a master copy of the application in your office or another central location, and post copies of the notice we have included on bulletin boards stationed throughout your agency. Then, interested parties can secure an application from that central location or from our website, www.flsheriffs.org.

We will be sending the scholarship recipients a certificate to the Sheriff's office for presentation by the Sheriff. Please provide us with a picture of this presentation for our website and "*The Sheriff's Star*" magazine.

If you have any questions, call Patti Brigance of FSA staff at (850) 877-2165.

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attachments: 1. NOTICE FOR POSTING AROUND YOUR AGENCY
2. ONE COMPLETE SET OF BLANK APPLICATION FORMS



**2018
Florida Sheriffs Association
Scholarships Available**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

This program is open to any son or daughter of a full-time sheriff's office employee. The student must be attending a regionally accredited community college, college, or university (i.e., the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools), in the school term to begin in the Fall, 2018. The applicant's career objective and degree must be focused towards a STEM related field (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math).

HOW MANY ARE AWARDED AND HOW MUCH ARE THEY WORTH?

Ten (10) separate scholarships will be awarded, valued at \$2,000 each.

SPECIAL INFORMATION:

All applications for scholarships must be accompanied by certain documentation, a listing of which is included in the application package.

WHERE CAN I GET AN APPLICATION PACKAGE?

Contact the sheriff's executive secretary or administrative assistant in the county in which you work. Each county has been issued a single master copy of the application form and procedures, and they will provide you with a copy for your use, or you can go to our website, www.flsheriffs.org and find the application there.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE?

To facilitate the work of the screening committee, applications for scholarships must be received at FSA headquarters **no later than February 21, 2018**. Winners will be notified shortly thereafter.

WHO DO I CALL IF I NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Call or e-mail Patti Brigance at (850) 877-2165 or pbrigance@flsheriffs.org.



**APPLICATION FOR
FSA/MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOUNDATION COLLEGE
SCHOLARSHIP**

For the school year beginning in the Fall, 2018

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____ Nickname _____

Mailing Address _____ IN FALL, 2018 ___ Freshman ___ Sophomore

City _____ ___ Junior ___ Senior

State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Home phone () _____ Male _____ Female _____

Date of Birth _____ THIS YEAR: Class rank _____

Father's name _____ Class size _____

Mother's name _____ GPA _____

(Feel Free to Use Additional Sheets, If Necessary)

At least one of the applicant's parents must be a full-time, paid (sworn or civilian) employee of a sheriff's office in Florida. My Mother / Father (circle one) is employed at the:

Sheriff's Office in _____ County

Parent Name _____

Position held _____

My intended career path after college is*

SCIENCE _____ TECHNOLOGY _____

ENGINEERING _____ MATH _____

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What are your career goals for the next five to ten years?

List any school and/or community organizations in which you have been active.

List any leadership positions you have held in school and/or community organizations, and which of those positions you now hold:

List all awards or commendations you have received, the sponsoring organizations, the reason for your winning, and date of award:

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Name and address of community college, college, or university you will be attending in the Fall, 2018: (Must be regionally accredited, e.g. by the “Southern Association of Colleges & Schools”)

School _____

Address _____

City _____ State, Zip _____

Which specific degree or certification will you be working towards?

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

If there are extenuating family circumstances that should be brought to the attention of the screening committee, please explain:

ATTACHMENTS

1. A copy of your most recent transcript (H.S. or college),
2. An original essay of at least 500 words (with word count) on “What attracted you to your intended STEM field of study and what are your professional goals?”.
3. Two letters of recommendation, to include at least one from a school teacher/professor. These letters should specifically address your qualifications for this scholarship.
4. A high-resolution color photo (head & shoulder shot) for use in promotional publications.

APPLICANT'S OATH & APPROVALS

Applicant's Oath

AS AN APPLICANT FOR AN FSA/MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP, I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT:

1. I am presently in good health and know of no physical or psychological limitation I have that would prevent my full participation in a STEM related career.
2. I know of no reason the school or college listed above would not accept me as a full-time student in the Fall, 2018.
3. I certify the accuracy and truthfulness of the facts contained in this application.
4. I understand that this scholarship is a one-time award that is limited to \$2,000, and should I win the award, that the check will be made **payable only to the regionally accredited college or university of my choosing**, and placed in an account bearing my name. I further understand that I will be allowed to draw against that account for full-time tuition and book expenses only, until the account balance is exhausted.
5. I understand that funding beyond this \$2,000 award is not expressed, implied or expected, and that all unused scholarship money which remain on account for me in an "inactive" status for 12 months or more, will revert back to the Florida Sheriffs Association.
6. I understand that the balance of my college expenses (tuition, books, lodging, etc.) above the sum of \$2,000 are my responsibility, and not the responsibility of the Florida Sheriffs Association or the Motorola Solutions Foundation.

Signature

Date

Ethnicity

- ____ African-American/African-Canadian
- ____ Asian or Pacific Islander
- ____ Caucasian
- ____ Multi-ethnicity
- ____ Hispanic
- ____ Native American/Aboriginal Peoples

Parent/Guardian Approval and Waiver

I, _____, as parent or legal guardian of the applicant named herein, approve of my dependent son or daughter's application for a FSA/Motorola Solutions Foundation Scholarship. In consideration of the benefits derived from this award, I agree that if my child should be awarded a scholarship, I hereby voluntarily waive any claim against the Florida Sheriffs Association, its officers, members, or directors, or any of its subsidiaries, for any and all causes that may arise as a result of being awarded this scholarship.

I CERTIFY that I am a full-time (civilian or sworn), paid employee of the sheriff's office in _____ County, holding the position of _____.

FURTHER, I CERTIFY that my son or daughter plans to attend a regionally accredited community college, college, or university, in the fall of this year, and that, thereafter, (s)he plans to pursue a career in a STEM related field.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Daytime Phone Number

****DEADLINE** - This application must be completed and received at the Florida Sheriffs Association headquarters **NO LATER** than February 21, 2018. Scholarship winners will be notified shortly thereafter. If you have any questions, please call Patti Brigance of FSA staff at (850) 877-2165. Mail completed applications to:

Florida Sheriffs Association
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
2617 Mahan Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32308