

WVTA Scholarship Criteria

Each year the WVTA awards monetary scholarships to dependents (children) of active and retired members of the West Virginia Troopers Association. It has come to our attention that there has been some confusion in the past relative to the criteria required to apply for and receive said scholarships. Applicants may only receive a WVTA Scholarship a maximum of four (4) times (per Board Meeting 1/11/09).

Candidates for the WVTA scholarship must be either a graduating high school senior with a grade point average of 3.0 or a student presently attending a college or university maintaining a 3.0 grade point average. All scholarship recipients must be enrolled for a minimum of twelve (12) semester hours in college. A certified grade transcript from the attending school must be supplied. Online transcripts must clearly state accumulated GPA to be accepted.

Scholarships are granted based on composite ACT/SAT scores, evidence of extracurricular academic and social activities, responsibilities as detailed in the Application Form and the completion of an essay as specified by the Scholarship Committee. Preference will be given to those applicants who plan to study law enforcement or a related field. Preference shall also be given to applicants who attend a West Virginia college or university.

The Scholarship Committee consists of educational professionals in West Virginia. **This Committee makes it's selections and determinations completely independent of the WVTA.**

It has been determined that the Scholarship Committee shall select the top 5 applicants meeting the requisite criteria and provide the WVTA with a listing in rank order. The top 5 applicants will be awarded a scholarship by the West Virginia Troopers Association with the top scholarship applicant receiving One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and the next 4 ranking applicants receiving Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), each.

Due to the increasing amount of applications received each year by the WVTA, any applications and supporting documentation not reaching the WVTA office by the stated deadline will not be eligible for the scholarship program. The deadline must be strictly adhered to provide an equal opportunity for all applicants. It is the applicant's responsibility to insure that the WVTA received said application by the stated deadline.

Essay: Please choose one subject from the list below and complete a **300-500 word essay** and return the same with your Application and supporting documentation.

- (1) **As a local law enforcement officer, what would you do to help with the War on Terrorism?**
- (2) **Should the United States require a secure identification system for citizens?**
- (3) **What impact do parents have on controlling delinquency? How much impact did your parents have on your youthful behavior? What can and will you do differently if you become a parent?**

Please complete the Scholarship Application provided and return to the WVTA Office along with your certified grade transcript and completed essay by **Tuesday, April 30, 2019**. Remember, this is a competition!!

**WEST VIRGINIA TROOPERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS APPLICATION**

210 Chesapeake Avenue, Charleston, WV 25311
304-345-9882 or 1-800-325-9882

Note: Applicant Must Be a Dependent (Child) of WVTA Member
PLEASE TYPE or PRINT

NAME: _____ E:Mail: _____

ADDRESS: _____

BIRTH DATE: _____ Phone: _____

COLLEGE: _____ GRADUATION DATE: _____

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S): _____

ADDRESS & PHONE(if different from student): _____

(If you need additional space to respond to the following items, please attach extra sheets.)

List any co-curricular/academic activities in which you have participated while in high school/college (e.g. academic competition teams, quiz bowls, debates, science fairs, etc.):

List any extracurricular activities in which you have participated while in high school/college (e.g. student government, athletics, clubs and organizations, etc.):

List any honors you have received as a student:

List any community activities, work experience, or other information you wish the selection committee to consider:

******ENCLOSE WITH THIS FORM a certified transcript of your high school classes (college, if a college student), including verification of your grade point average and class rank from your guidance counselor. Please include recent photograph, suitable for publishing. Scholarship Award may be received by applicant four (4) times only.**

Signature of Applicant

Date Submitted

**This application must be returned to the WVTA office by April 30, 2019.
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