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WIFLE MEMBERS-ONLY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM BACKGROUND

The WIFLE Foundation “Members-Only” scholarship was first awarded in 2009. The scholarship is open to all regular and associate members of Women in Federal Law Enforcement, Inc. The yearly scholarship awarded is \$1,500 and recipients are selected from the total number of member-sponsored applications received each year. The scholarship was created to encourage WIFLE members to become mentors reaching out to women considering a career in law enforcement or reach students actually pursuing a degree in a related field, and, to encourage members themselves who are working in full-time law enforcement jobs while pursuing graduate degrees at an accredited on-line university which incorporates a two-week residency program.

The Members-Only Scholarship automatically renews for one additional year. Thus, the individual receiving the award will receive \$1,500 for two successive years of college or graduate work for a total of \$3,000 awarded to the individual.

Each WIFLE member whose dues are current as of February 1, 2018, is eligible to sponsor one full-time student pursuing a law enforcement-related degree for a WIFLE scholarship. This members-only sponsored scholarship is also open to members themselves who meet the criteria. A Member may sponsor either themselves or one individual for this scholarship using the “Members-Only Sponsored Scholarship Application.”

MEMBERS-ONLY SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose: As a benefit to its members, WIFLE offers one scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 per year to a member or member-sponsored applicant. Once selected for the award, the awardee will receive an additional automatic \$1,500 in the following year without renewing the application.

Eligibility: Each WIFLE member whose dues are current as of February 1, 2018, is eligible to sponsor an applicant or nominate themselves. An applicant must also meet the following eligibility criteria as it pertains to their status:

- Physically attend as a full-time student at an accredited four-year college or university; or is currently enrolled full time in a fully accredited community college with the intention of transferring to a four-year degree program; if pursuing a graduate degree, applicant must carry at least six (6) semester hours; OR, WIFLE members working full time law enforcement jobs pursuing a post graduate degree at an accredited on-line university that incorporates a two-week residency program.
- Has completed at least one full academic year of college work at an accredited college, university or community college;
- Maintain a minimum 3.0 overall grade point average (GPA);
- Major in Criminal Justice or a related discipline such as social sciences, public administration, computer science, finance, linguistic arts, chemistry, physics, etc., leading to a four-year degree. Students pursuing Associate degrees are eligible only if they fully articulate in the application their intention to transfer to a four-year program.
- WIFLE member sponsoring their own application enrolled in either a graduate program physically attending during off-duty hours or an accredited online university program with a two-week residency program and must describe the relevancy of their degree to law enforcement.

- Submit a letter demonstrating financial need and include a statement of career objectives;
- Provide at least one letter of recommendation from a local community member and/or leader or law enforcement professional;
- Be a citizen of the United States.

Note: Members-only sponsored scholarships are not open to current employees and/or current officers of the WIFLE Foundation and/or Women in Federal Law Enforcement, Inc.

MEMBERS-ONLY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Information on Members-Only scholarship applications are available through the WIFLE website at www.WIFLE.org and must be received by the Scholarship Coordinator no later than May 1, 2018. Extensions will not be granted. Applications that are incomplete or received after the deadline will not be considered.

Letters of recommendation should be mailed with the application but must be received by the deadline, along with the required application, 500 word essay, and college transcripts. Recipients will be notified by May 11, 2018, and awards will be mailed directly to the educational institutions. For answers to specific questions, contact WIFLE by e-mail at WIFLE@comcast.net. Mail all applications to the attention of the Scholarship Coordinator at:

WIFLE
Attention: Scholarship Coordinator
1600 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 801
Arlington, VA 22209

Sincerely,



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President