

Holland Police Officers Association Scholarship



**Application
and
Eligibility Requirements**

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The Holland Police Officer's Association Scholarship was established in 2018 to provide financial assistance to children of public safety personnel, and aid them in their desire to attend college, vocational school, trade school, or acquire other post high school education. This scholarship was designed for children whose parent(s) are currently employed in a full-time capacity at a police agency within Ottawa County or Allegan County to include civilian staff and certified Officers.

Scholarship Details

One scholarship of \$1,000 dollars will be awarded each year to an applicant who is selected by the Selection Committee. Once the applicant has been selected, they will be given the scholarship for up to 4 years pending all of the requirements of the scholarship continue to be met. If there are no qualified applicants, then no scholarship awards will be made.

A review board will review all applications impartially and select the most qualified applicant. All decisions are final and are not disputable.

Eligibility

- 1) At least one of the applicant's parent(s) must currently be employed in a full-time capacity at a police agency within Ottawa or Allegan County to include civilian staff and certified Officers.
- 2) Applicant shall have a 2.75 GPA at the time of application. Applicant shall maintain a 2.75 GPA per semester, and provide the Scholarship Committee with a transcript of grades following the close of each semester. Failure to comply can result in the revocation of the scholarship.
- 3) Student Status: The applicant must be a registered member of the graduating high school class of 2026, or be currently enrolled in post-high school education (ie: college, vocational school, trade school, etc).
- 4) Diploma Requirements: The applicant must receive their diploma and be in good academic standing with their high school.
- 5) School Attendance: The applicant must be a registered student in any private, parochial, or public school.
- 6) Aspirations: The applicant must have a definite plan to pursue a post-high school education (ie: college, vocational school, trade school, etc).
- 7) Character: The applicant must have exhibited good citizenship traits and have sound moral character.
- 8) Post High School Program: The applicant must plan on pursuing his or her post high school program on a full-time basis.

Disclaimer: HPOA board members will confirm all eligibility requirements are met for each candidate.

General Information

Applications must be received no later than March 31, 2026.

Attached is an Application Requirement checklist. Please read it carefully. In addition to the application form, you are required to submit other information necessary for the committee evaluation. Only fully completed applications will be considered by the scholarship committee for award.

Each application shall be considered on its merit and all scholarships will be awarded at the sole discretion of the Holland Police Officers Association Board. All decisions of the selection committee are final.

Please direct any inquiries concerning eligibility or application submission to:

Officer Spencer DeGraaf
89 W 8TH Street, Holland, MI, 49423
616-355-1178
s.degraaf@cityofholland.com

Application Requirement Checklist

EACH ITEM BEOW MUST BE INCLUDED IN ORDER FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED

- High School Transcript and / or College Transcript
- 3 letters of Recommendation
- Typed biography to include why you would be deserving of the scholarship (500 words or less)

Deadline for all 2026 Applications is March 31, 2026.

Only fully completed applications including the information requested above will be considered by the selection committee for the scholarship.



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Application Form

Please Type or Print Clearly

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Telephone: _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____

High School: _____

Date of Expected Graduation: _____ GPA: _____

Fathers Name: _____ Employment: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: (____) (____) _____

Mothers Name: _____ Employment: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: (____) (____) _____

Law Enforcement Agency Employed By: _____

Law Enforcement Agency Address: _____

Law Enforcement Agency Telephone: _____

I am currently enrolled as a senior in high school:

Yes _____ No _____

I am currently enrolled in a college/university as a:

_____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior

College: _____ Expected Major: _____

Please list any special academic awards or recognition you have received.

Please list any hobbies, or extracurricular activities you are involved with.

Please list any high school and/or college clubs, organizations, and activities you participated in.

Please list any non-school or community related activities in which you have participated (Scouts, 4-H, youth groups, service organizations, etc.)

Please list any previous and / or current employment. (List most recent first)

Employer	Duties	Dates of Employment	Part/Full Time

Have you ever attended any Law Enforcement Sponsored Event? If so, please explain below.

Please list 3 References and attach their written recommendation

Name	Relationship	Telephone

How did you learn about our scholarship program? (parent, grandparent, school, law enforcement officer, Internet, etc.)

On a separate sheet of paper please include a typed biography to include why you would be deserving of the HPOA Scholarship (500 words or less).

A transcript of grades must be attached to this application. High school students are to provide a high school transcript and College/University students are to provide college transcript.

I believe I am eligible for the Holland Police Officers Association Scholarship Program and certify that all information contained in this application is complete and true. I understand the decision of the Selection Committee will be final.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date: _____ Date: _____

Complete applications must be emailed, mailed, or hand-delivered to Officer Spencer DeGraaf and/or Detective Joel Reimink.

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