



# MINNESOTA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

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TO: Statewide LE Students  
FROM: Sheriff  
DATE:  
SUBJECT: MN Sheriffs' Scholarship Program

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Sheriff Steve Och of Todd County announced today the commencement of the Law Enforcement Scholarship Program for 2021. Sheriff Steve Och proudly announced that the MSA Board of Directors has established a scholarship fund for the awarding of up to 15 - \$2,000 scholarships for this year. These scholarships are due to the coordinated efforts of the 87 Sheriffs of the State of Minnesota.

The Members of MSA gives special recognition to the financial needs of students attending the peace officer skills course, or one of the two or four year law enforcement degree colleges. "The Board of Directors feel peace officers in our democratic society have complex duties to perform" said Sheriff Steve Och. MSA recognizes the importance of pre-entry training for people considering law enforcement as their career choice. MSA recognizes some students need outside help in meeting the costs of such training, even though they excel academically.

The Scholarship Committee, in making its selection of awards, intends on achieving representation from all geographical areas of the state. Scholarship awards will be announced by December 28<sup>th</sup> of the same year. Application forms and a statement of procedures are available at the Todd county sheriff's office. Scholarships are only available to students currently enrolled in one of the following three categories:

1. Mandated POST Skills Program
2. In their second year of a two-year law enforcement program.
3. In their third or fourth year of a four-year college criminal justice program.

In order to qualify, students must have completed at least one year of the two-year program or two years of a four-year program. Students meeting these criteria are invited to obtain a scholarship application form from their local sheriff's office or online at [www.mnsheriffs.org](http://www.mnsheriffs.org) .