

**OREGON PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION** 

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## THE OREGON PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES THE

## LARRY AND DEBRA STEPHENS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

One goal of the Oregon Peace Officers Association is to provide leadership and service to the law enforcement community in the advancement of the profession, and to advocate for the safety and security of law enforcement professionals and the citizens of Oregon.

The criteria for the scholarship are as follows:

- **1**. The applicant must be a dependent of a current Oregon Peace Officer Association member and a citizen of the United States.
- 2. Must submit a letter of recommendation from an Oregon law enforcement officer who knows you personally.
- 3. Must submit a brief one-page double spaced essay, outlining achievements, future academic plan and life goals. <u>Must address specific goals in anticipated career in law enforcement.</u> The essay must be typed, signed and dated.
- 4. Must be either a high school senior, its related equivalent, or currently enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education within the state of Oregon with 12 or more credits per term, <u>preference</u> will be given to students who are pursuing a career in Criminal Justice or related field.
- 5. The Scholarship will be based on proof of a 3.0 or better cumulative G.P.A., verified by a certified copy of grade transcript from the applicant's high school or college.
- 6. Only fully completed applications will be considered, and finalists will be selected from the initial applications. The closing date for applications shall be April 15. Notification will be made to the recipient(s) by the Oregon Peace Officers Association Secretary, as soon as possible after the selection.
- 7. Scholarships between \$1,000 \$2,000 will be awarded to the recipient(s) through the Financial Aid Office of the designated college. (variable range due to the amount of funds available and number of applications).

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OPOA WEBSITE AT <u>WWW.OPOA.INFO</u>. Applications should be sent to the e-mail or address listed above.