

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Special Agents' Scholarships

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) Special Agents' Scholarships are presented every even-numbered year to Law Enforcement Explorers whose achievements reflect the high degree of motivation, commitment, and community concern that epitomizes the law enforcement profession.

The scholarships are funded by contributions from special agents of the ATF and are dedicated to the future of American law enforcement. It is the goal of the scholarships to assist Explorers whose well-rounded performance in academics, Exploring, and other activities indicate an exceptional potential to pursue undergraduate studies in preparation for entering the law enforcement profession.

Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$1,000, payable to an accredited college or university for tuition only. The scholarship does not apply to room and board, books, travel, or other ancillary expenses. Scholarship funds will remain available to winners starting on the date selection is announced and expiring two years later on December 31.

Qualifications

To be considered for these scholarships, a candidate must

- Be a registered Explorer, active in a Law Enforcement post.
- Be at least a high school senior by March 1 of the even-numbered year for which he or she is being considered.
- Submit all transcripts, the three required letters of recommendation, and the required essay with the completed application signed by the applicant, the applicant's parent or guardian, post Advisor, and the local Learning for Life office.

Selection

The number of scholarships available is based on the size of the fund, with no fewer than one scholarship available each scholarship year. The number of available scholarships actually awarded is determined by the number of qualified applicants.

A rank-ordered list of qualified applicants is determined by a panel of ATF special agents. Applicants are evaluated on the basis of their record, application content, and recommendations. Scholarship winners are selected by the panel in April.

Questions concerning the program should be referred to your local Learning for Life office and to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms at the address listed above.

Deadlines

The Learning for Life local office deadline is **March 15** of each even-number year. If you qualify, complete the [application](#) and submit it, with the required attachments, by **April 1** of the same even-numbered year to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Office of Law Enforcement, 650 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Room 8290, Washington, DC 20226, Attention: Liaison Program Manager.

F. Attach letter of recommendation from school official.

PART III. LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER EXPERIENCE

A. Most recent post number_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Chartered organization_____

B. Period of active participation

From_____ to_____

C. Previous post number(s)_____

City/Cities_____ State(s)_____ Zip(s)_____

Period(s) of active participation

From_____ to_____

D. Position(s) held/date (current and previous two years)

E. Date and title of achievements, awards, honors, and recognitions (current and previous two years)

F. Attach letter of recommendation from Advisor.

PART IV. OTHER ACTIVITIES (EXTRACURRICULAR, COMMUNITY, EMPLOYMENT)

A. Activity name(s)_____

Activity location(s)

City/Cities_____ State(s)_____

Position(s) held_____

B. Awards, achievements, recognitions, honors_____

C. Attach letter of recommendation from an employer, coach, or Advisor from one of these activities.

PART V. ESSAY

Please attach an essay describing at least three personal attributes or skills that, from your experience as a Law Enforcement Explorer, you believe are the most important for a law enforcement professional to develop. Discuss how your undergraduate studies will help you to develop these attributes and skills.

A. Name of college or university attending or planning to attend _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

B. Current or anticipated major _____

PART VII. CERTIFICATIONS

A. Applicant

I certify that the information provided in and with this application is accurate. I understand that this scholarship is for tuition only and will be paid directly to the institution.

Signature _____ Date _____

B. Parent or guardian

I certify that my son or daughter is applying for this scholarship with my approval and consent. In consideration of the benefits derived from this scholarship, if accepted, I voluntarily waive any claim against Learning for Life, the post, its participating organization, and personnel, or the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and its personnel for any and all causes that may arise in connection with the activities of the above organization.

Signature _____ Date _____

C. Post Advisor

I hereby certify that this nominee is an Explorer registered with this post.

Signature _____ Date _____

D. Local Learning for Life office

I hereby certify that this nominee is an Explorer registered with this Learning for Life office.

Signature _____ Date _____

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