

National Technical Investigators' Association Captain James J. Regan Memorial Scholarship

In 1974, Captain James J. Regan, Pennsylvania State Police, organized a group of law enforcement professionals whose specialty is technical support of investigations. Today the National Technical Investigators' Association (NATIA) is a nonprofit, all-volunteer professional organization composed of United States and Canadian law enforcement and intelligence officers from various local, state, provincial, federal, and military agencies. Our members are responsible for supporting the technical operations, surveillance activities, and scientific support of their respective agencies.

The purpose of the association is to develop the professionalism of the members by furthering their skills and knowledge in the areas of technical surveillance, law enforcement, and forensic activities through the offering of special training, the interagency exchange of ideas and experiences, and assistance in the implementation of new techniques and equipment in the law enforcement community. In 1990, at NATIA's national conference, unanimous approval was given to establish a scholarship in the name of our late founder, Captain James J. Regan, in keeping with his philosophy of "excellence through education."

The Award

Two merit-based awards are conferred. Each consists of a \$500 one-time scholarship. The recognitions will be presented at the national law enforcement Explorer conference or at a local ceremony.

Who Is Eligible

Any law enforcement Explorer who is in the 12th grade or in an accredited college program may apply. Candidates will be evaluated on the basis of their academic record, leadership ability, extracurricular activities, and a personal statement on "What significance I place on a technical background in law enforcement."

Application Process

The candidate should complete the application with the certification of the

1. Post Advisor
2. Head of the participating organization
3. Learning for Life representative

The applicant should also submit

1. Three letters of recommendation (at least two from people outside of law enforcement)
2. A 250-word (minimum) essay on "What significance I place on a technical background in law enforcement"
3. High school transcripts (if in college, submit both college and high school transcripts)
4. **A black-and-white glossy photograph (preferably in uniform) for publicity purposes in the event of selection**

Deadline

The original and four copies of the [application](#) and support materials must be received **no later than March 31** to

National Law Enforcement Scholarships and Awards
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079

Application
National Technical Investigators' Association
Captain James J. Regan Memorial Scholarship

Part I. Personal Data

Name _____
First Middle Last

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Age on March 31, (year ____) Date of birth _____

Father's name _____ Mother's name _____

Guardian's name _____

Part II. Educational Data

High school or college: class you will be in as of April (year _____) _____

School name _____ Class rank _____ Class size _____

Grade-point average _____ (Attach official transcripts.)

Indicate the school or college you plan to attend _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

What type of degree or certification do you plan to work toward? _____

How many years will this take as a full- or part-time student? _____

Part III. Qualifications

1. Major field of interest _____

2. What previous experience in law enforcement, law, or criminal justice have you had? (Give full details, including dates, locations, period in field, and project objectives. Use a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed.) _____

3. List school and community organizations in which you (a) are active now, and (b) have been active in the past. _____

4. List leadership positions you (a) currently hold in your Explorer post, club, or other organizations, and (b) have held in the past. _____

5. List important awards or recognitions you have received, the organizations that presented them, and the year received. _____

6. List technical interests and/or background. _____

7. Please attach a statement of at least 250 words on "What significance I place on a technical background in law enforcement."

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8. Letters of recommendation are to be included with the nomination form. One letter should come from each of the following: (a) school or community official, (b) post leader, and (c) law or law enforcement official other than your post Advisor. These letters should attest to your candidacy for this scholarship.

Part IV. Certifications/Endorsement

Applicant's signature

I am presently in good health and know of no personal or physical limitations that would prevent my full participation in a career in law enforcement, law, or criminal justice. I know of no reason why the school or college listed above would not accept me as a full- or part-time student. I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing facts in the application.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's/Guardian's Waiver

I, as parent or guardian, am willing and desirous that my son or daughter apply for a National Technical Investigators' Association Captain James J. Regan Memorial Scholarship. In consideration of the benefits derived from this honor, if accepted, I hereby voluntarily waive any claim against Learning for Life, the post, and its participating organization and leaders for any and all causes that may arise in connection with the activities of the above organization. It is my understanding that my son or daughter plans to attend a school or college to work toward a career in law enforcement, law, or criminal justice.

Signature _____ Date _____

Endorsement of Post Advisor

This is to certify that the applicant is a member in good standing of Explorer Post No. _____

Participating organization _____

Advisor's signature _____ Date _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Learning for Life Certification

This applicant is currently a participating Explorer. We approve of his or her application for a National Technical Investigators' Association Captain James J. Regan Memorial Scholarship.

Learning for Life representative's signature _____ Date _____

Title _____

Telephone _____

Learning for Life headquarters city _____

Part V. Public Relations Data

Local newspaper _____
Name City

Local radio/TV _____
Call letters

Enclosed is a photograph of me that may be used for publication in the event I am selected.

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