

Sheryl A. Horak Law Enforcement Explorer Memorial Scholarship

In 1985, 15-year-old Sheryl Ann Horak joined Bettendorf Police Department Explorer Post No. 9611 in Iowa. She participated in a wide range of post activities over the next two years, rising to the rank of lieutenant. On April 25, 1987, while participating in a post activity, Sheryl was shot and killed by a deranged individual. On August 14, 1987, a fund was created by Lt. Kim Adamson of the West Valley City, Utah, police department to memorialize Sheryl's contribution to law enforcement Explorers and to honor her goal to serve as a law enforcement professional. The Sheryl A. Horak Memorial Endowment was instituted to provide scholarship opportunities to law enforcement Explorers who demonstrate superior potential as career law enforcement executives.

The Award

This merit-based award involves a \$1,000, one-time scholarship. The number of scholarships awarded depends upon the yield of the endowment. The award also includes a plaque and pin. The recognition will be presented at the national law enforcement explorer conference or a local ceremony.

Who is Eligible

Any law enforcement Explorer who is at least in the 12th grade may apply. Candidates will be evaluated according to their academic record, leadership ability, extracurricular activities, and personal statement on "Why I want to pursue a career in law enforcement."

Application Process

The candidate should complete the application, being careful to secure the certification of the

- Post Advisor
- Head of the participating organization
- Learning for Life representative

They should then submit

- Three letters of recommendation (at least two from people outside of law enforcement)
- A 500-word (minimum) essay on "Why I want to pursue a career in law enforcement"
- A transcript of his/her high school record (if in college, submit both college and high school transcripts)
- **A black-and-white glossy photo (preferably in uniform) for publicity purposes in the event of selection**

Deadline

The original and two copies of the completed [application](#) and supporting materials must be received **no later than March 31**. Send applications to

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

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Application

Part I: Personal Data

Name _____ Telephone _____
first middle last

Street address _____

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 April _____

School name _____ Class rank _____ Class size _____

Grade-point average _____ (*Attach official transcript or transcripts.*)

Name of 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-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.) _____

3. List school and community organizations in which you are or have been active. (Indicate those you are active in now.) _____

4. List leadership positions you have held in your Explorer post, clubs, or other organizations. Indicate those positions. _____

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

6. Please attach to this application a statement of at least 500 words on "Why I want to pursue a career in law enforcement."
7. Letters of recommendation are to be included with this nomination form. Most appropriately, one letter should come from each of the following: (1) school or community official, (2) post leader, and (3) law or law enforcement official other than your post Advisor. These letters should attest to your candidacy for this scholarship.

Part IV: Certification

Applicant's Signature

I am presently in good health and know of no personal or physical limitation 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-time student. And, I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing facts in this 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 Sheryl A. Horak Law Enforcement Explorer 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_____

Telephone (area code)_____

Learning for Life Certification

This applicant is a participating Explorer. We approve of his or her application for a Sheryl A. Horak Law Enforcement Explorer Memorial Scholarship.

Learning for Life representative's signature_____Date_____

Title_____Telephone_____

Learning for Life headquarters city_____

Part V: Public Relations Data

Local newspaper_____

namecity

Local radio/TV_____

call letters

Submit a black-and-white glossy photo (such as a passport photo) for publicity purposes in the event of selection.