

John C. Hawkins Memorial Law Enforcement Explorer Scholarship

Background

In 1972 John Hawkins began learning about a career in law enforcement when he volunteered as a Redding Police Explorer. In 1974 he obtained a paid, part-time position with the Redding Police Department as a Police Cadet. In 1977 John's dream of being a police officer was realized when he was hired by the Redding Police Department.

John held a variety of assignments throughout his 30-year career to include SWAT Team, Canine Officer, Investigations Division, and Shasta Anti-Gang Enforcement Unit, among several other assignments. Because he began as an Explorer, the program was dear to his heart and he spent many years as an advisor and supervisor for the program.

In December 2006 John retired at the rank of Sergeant after spending 30 years with the Redding Police Department. He was an inspirational man and leader, dedicated to his career and the community he so faithfully served. This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of John Hawkins.

The Award

This merit-based award involves a \$1,500 one-time scholarship. The number of scholarships awarded depends upon the yield of the endowment. The award also includes a plaque and pin. Recognition will be presented at the last meeting in May.

Who is Eligible?

Any Redding Police Post 93 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 Explorer should submit:

- Three letters of recommendation (at least two from people outside 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)
- Participate in an oral interview

Deadline

The original and a copy of the completed application and supporting materials must be received no later than March 31. Submit all material to your Post Advisor.

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Part I: Personal Data

Name _____ Telephone _____
 Last First Middle

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Age on March 31 (year _____) Date of Birth _____ email _____

Father's name _____ Mother's name _____

Guardian's name _____

Part II: Educational Data

High school or college grade 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 _____

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

Major field of interest _____

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.)

List school and community organizations in which you are or have been active (indicate those you are active in now also).

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

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

Please attach to this application a statement of at least 500 words on, "Why I want to pursue a career in law enforcement."

Three letters of recommendation are to be included with this nomination form (at least two letters should come from outside law enforcement).

Part IV: Certification

Applicant's Signature

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 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 the Redding Police Exceptional Explorer Scholarship. In consideration of the benefits derived from this honor, if accepted, I hereby voluntarily waive any claim against Learning for Life, the Post, the Redding Police Department, the City of Redding, 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 _____