

# EXPLORING SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

## LOCAL COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS

For more information on Local Scholarships, go to [www.explorenow.org](http://www.explorenow.org)

**Allan G. Lee**

### **Law Enforcement Exploring Scholarship (Law Enforcement, \$1,000)**

This merit-based award consists of a \$1,000 one-time scholarship, payable to an accredited college or technical school for tuition only. Any law enforcement Explorer who is in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade or in an accredited college program is eligible. The Explorer must have been an active participant of the post for the entire calendar year and still be an active Explorer when selected for the award

**Willy Lee Bjorge**

### **Law Enforcement Exploring Scholarship (Law Enforcement, \$750)**

This award consists of a \$750 one-time scholarship, payable to an accredited college or technical school for tuition only. Any law enforcement Explorer who will have completed their freshman year at a Minnesota Post accredited college in a law enforcement program by summer 2015 is eligible. The Explorer must have been an active participant of the post for the entire calendar year and still be an active Explorer when selected for the award.

### **Exploring Scholarship Program (High School Seniors, \$1,000)**

The Exploring Scholarship program offers \$1,000 scholarships to active Explorers in Northern Star Council. The recipients are selected from a pool of eligible high school seniors and scholarships may be applied to tuition and books at the college, junior college, vocational college or trade school of each winner's choice.

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Explorers apply for Nick Turcotte and Shawn Silvera scholarships through the Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association. Go to <http://mnleexplorer.org/> for more information.

### **Nick Turcotte Memorial Scholarship**

#### **(Law Enforcement Seniors and above, \$1,000)**

Any Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer who is in the 12th grade or in an accredited college program can apply for this scholarship. Candidates will be evaluated according to their academic record, leadership ability, extracurricular activities, and personal statement on "Ethics and Integrity-Their Importance in Your Life Plan."

### **Shawn Silvera Memorial Scholarship**

#### **(Law Enforcement Seniors and above, \$500)**

Any Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer who is in the 12th grade or in an accredited college program can apply for this scholarship. Candidates will be evaluated according to their academic record, leadership ability, extracurricular activities, and personal statement on "Be Here Now – Live the importance of today."

### **Minnesota Association of Women Police Memorial Scholarship**

The Minnesota Association of Women Police has established 2 scholarships in memory of police officers Karen Rice and Melissa Schmidt. Karen Rice, a Mille Lacs County Deputy, died from injuries sustained in a traffic accident while enroute to work in 1982. Melissa Schmidt, a Minneapolis Police Officer, was killed in the line of duty while on a disturbance call in 2002. The scholarship's purpose is to provide financial assistance to qualified women seeking a career in law enforcement.

# **NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

For more information on the following scholarships go to: [www.exploring.org](http://www.exploring.org)

## **AVIATION EXPLORING**

### **National Aviation Explorer Scholarship (5/\$3,000 to \$10,000)**

The National Aviation Exploring Committee awards individual scholarships between \$3,000 and \$10,000 annually to aviation Explorers pursuing a career in the aviation industry. The intent of these scholarships is to identify and reward those individuals who best exemplify the qualities that lead to success in the aviation industry. Type of aviation Explorer scholarships: degree leading to an aviation profession, avionics repair program, recreational or pilot certificate, maintenance aircraft repair program, and aviation management program to include design, engineering, airport management, etc.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORING**

### **Billy Yout Excellence in Leadership Award (Law Enforcement, \$2,500)**

This award honors the memory of DEA supervisory Special Agent Billy Yout and is funded by the William H. Yout Foundation. In order to be considered for this scholarship award a Law Enforcement Explorer must be selected to attend the biennial National Law Enforcement Exploring Leadership Academy sponsored by the U.S. Drug enforcement Administration.

### **Sheryl A. Horak Memorial Scholarship (Law Enforcement, \$1,000)**

This merit-based award involves a \$1,000, one-time scholarship. The award also includes a plaque and pin.

### **James E Breining Scholarship Award (Law Enforcement, \$1,500)**

Awards are granted to applicants who are active Law Enforcement Explorers in good standing with recommendation from their Post Advisor and head of the agency sponsor. They must also demonstrate a meaningful contribution to society both present and future, impeccable character and ethics as well as demonstrate leadership abilities in Law Enforcement Exploring and their community.

### **HAPCCA Scholarship Award (Law Enforcement, \$1,000)**

The purpose is to recognize Law Enforcement Explorers of Hispanic ancestry that have shown potential to become future leaders in the law enforcement and criminal justice profession.

### **Capt. James J. Regan Scholarship (Law Enforcement, 2/\$500)**

The National Technical Investigators Association presents two one-time \$500 scholarships annually. Criteria include academic record, leadership, extracurricular activities, and a personal statement.

**Columbia Southern University Law Enforcement Exploring Online Scholarship Application (up to \$12,000):** <https://columbiasouthernuniv.wufoo.com/forms/csu-scholarship-application/>

## **FIRE SAFETY EXPLORING**

### **IAFCF Scholarship (Fire Service, \$500)**

The International Association of Fire Chiefs Foundation coordinates a yearly \$500 scholarship program to assist Explorers in pursuing a career in the fire sciences.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **Motorola Solutions Public Safety Scholarship (Law Enforcement, Fire/EMS 4/\$2,500)**

Applicants' descriptions of their personal record should show that they can successfully complete the public safety career educational activity for which they are requesting the scholarship. Their personal record should also include their involvement in life skills, citizenship, leadership, and character education experiences that add to the quality of life.

# **NATIONAL and LOCAL AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

For more information on National Awards, go to [www.exploring.org](http://www.exploring.org) and click on Awards & Recognitions.

## **Career Achievement Award Program – Youth - National**

The Learning for Life Career Achievement Award program allows young people to be recognized for community service and to acquire and be recognized for career proficiency achievement in either arts & humanities, aviation, business, communications, engineering, fire & emergency service, health, law & government, law enforcement, science, skilled trades, social services, or all 12 career clusters. It gives Explorers and student participants distinguished credentials for their resume.

## **Congressional Award – Advisor - National**

An adult advisor, whom you choose, helps you set challenging but a achievable goals in the four program areas. Once you've achieved your goals, you summarize them on a Recommendation Form. You'll receive a letter, which will let you know when your Senator and /or member of Congress will present you with your medal and certificate.

## **Journey to Excellence Award**

JTE is a performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of Exploring posts. It is meant to encourage excellence in providing a quality program at all levels.

## **Leadership Award**

The learning for Life Leadership Award is a distinguished award for Explorers, high school Learning for Life program participants, and adult volunteer leaders who have given exceptional leadership in Exploring or Learning for Life programs. The Leadership Award is available annually to all Explorer posts and Learning for Life high school groups.

## **President's Volunteer Service Award – Advisors - National**

Learning for Life has a proud history of service learning. Our volunteers continue to work to meet the needs of their neighborhoods and the community. Individuals who have completed 4,000 or more volunteer service hours over the course of their lifetime are eligible to receive the President's Call to Service Award.

## **Lifesaving or Meritorious Award – Youth or Leader - National**

Recognition may be given to a youth member or adult leader of LFL where the evidence shows (in accordance with prescribed regulations) that he/she saved or attempted to save a life, or performed a significant act of service.

## **Law Enforcement Exploring Community Crime Prevention Award - Post - National**

The International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners provides an annual recognition of Explorer posts that exhibit outstanding support of their communities. Includes a plaque and pin.

## **Law Enforcement Exploring Proficiency Awards – Posts, Advisors and Youth - Local**

This award provides an opportunity for posts and their Explorers to earn recognition in community service, crime prevention, law enforcement service, law enforcement training, firearms training, emergency preparedness, tenure and Explorer of the Year.

## **William H. Spurgeon, III Award – Adults - National**

The Spurgeon Award is presented annually to five individuals who are outstanding role models for youth, because they have made significant strides in their careers and have rendered exceptional community service, either personally or through their company/organization affiliations. The award is named after William Spurgeon, the founder of the contemporary, co-educational Exploring program.