

# 2020 EXPLORING SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

## SCHOLARSHIPS - LOCAL COUNCIL

Go to [www.explorenow.org/Youth-Members](http://www.explorenow.org/Youth-Members) for more information

### **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.

### **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

### **Willie Lee Bjorge**

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

This award consists of a \$1,000 one-time scholarship, payable to an accredited college or technical school for tuition only. Any Explorer who will have completed their freshman year at a Minnesota accredited college by summer 2019 is eligible. The Explorer must have been an active participant of their post for the entire calendar year and still be an active Explorer when selected for the award.

## SCHOLARSHIPS - ADDITIONAL LOCAL

Go to <http://mnleexplorer.org/education/education.htm> 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**

#### **(Female Law Enforcement Seniors, Minimum of \$450 Award)**

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.

# SCHOLARSHIPS - NATIONAL

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

## MOTOROLA SOLUTION FOUNDATION PUBLIC SAFETY SCHOLARSHIP

The National Exploring Committee will award five (5) \$2,000 individual scholarships to **Law Enforcement, Fire/EMS, Health, Aviation, or Law & Government** Explorers studying in the field of public safety.

## AVIATION EXPLORING

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

The National Aviation Exploring Committee awards individual scholarships between \$5,000 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

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

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

### NOBLE Scholarships (Law Enforcement, 3/\$1,500 - \$2,500)

Each scholarship is a one-time award offered to a graduating high school senior who is committed to a career in law enforcement or criminal justice. The person selected for this award will be committed to becoming a sworn law enforcement officer, Special Agent or work in a related position or field.

### HAPCOA 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.

## 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.

# **AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS - NATIONAL and LOCAL**

For more information on National Awards, go to [www.exploring.org](http://www.exploring.org)  
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 – Youth - National**

The Congressional Award is the United States Congress' award for young Americans. Participants earn Bronze, Silver, and Gold Congressional Award Certificates and Bronze, Silver, and Gold Congressional Award Medals. Each level involves setting goals in four program areas: Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration. The Award is presented by your Senator and /or member of Congress.

## **Journey to Excellence Award – Post – Local**

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 – Youth or Adult – Local**

The learning for Life Leadership Award is a distinguished award for Explorers and adult volunteer leaders who have given exceptional leadership in Exploring programs. The Leadership Award is available annually to all Explorer posts.

## **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. Established in 2003, this Award is given by the President of the United States and honors individuals, families and groups who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to volunteer service over the course of 12 months.

## **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 Special Recognition Awards - Post - National**

The Law Enforcement Exploring Special Recognition Awards are for Valor, Bravery, Lifesaving and Meritorious Service. Special Recognition Awards are for Law Enforcement Explorers only.

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

This award provides an opportunity for Law Enforcement and Fire & EMS posts and their Explorers to earn recognition for training, skills, leadership, service, accomplishments and experiences.

## **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.