Adair-Kennedy Scholarship
Alaska Peace Officers Association
Capital City Chapter

DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

The Alaska Peace Officers Association is a non-profit professional association composed of members of law enforcement agencies statewide. The mission of the Capital City Chapter of APOA is to promote relationships and communication between local, state, and federal agencies and to further professionalism through training, education, and social events throughout the City of Juneau and the State of Alaska.

The Adair-Kennedy Scholarship Fund was established to honor Juneau Police Officers Jimmy Kennedy and Richard Adair. Officer Kennedy and Officer Adair were ambushed and killed while responding to a shots fired call in the Highlands area of downtown Juneau on April 17, 1979. Generous donations were made to APOA to create this fund and its members are proud to continue to present these yearly scholarships.

The scholarships are offered to graduating seniors of the local high schools or area students in college, whose interest, career plans, character, and abilities make them suitable for entry into the law enforcement field. By definition, the law enforcement field includes police science, police administration, legal studies, probation and parole, forensic science, corrections, wildlife protection, homeland security, public safety, criminal justice, or closely related fields. Typically, two $2,000 scholarships may be awarded on a one-time basis.
CRITERIA

The following is required to be submitted by each applicant:

1. An official high school or college transcript (sent directly to APOA by the high school or college).

2. Three letters of recommendation from responsible adults (non-family members) who have known the applicant for at least one year and who are familiar with the applicant’s character.

3. A 250 word essay detailing the applicant’s educational goals, career goals, personal goals, background, and how they tie into law enforcement.

4. A resume.

5. A completed scholarship application.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

All applications must be mailed to APOA at PO Box 20751, Juneau, AK 99802 or emailed to the Capital City Chapter of APOA, CCCofAPOA@gmail.com, by midnight on May 1st of the current school year. The scholarship winners will be announced on Senior Awards Day at the respective awardee’s school.

Scholarships are awarded on an equal opportunity basis without regard to race, religion, creed, gender, age, or national origin. Scholarship awards are not transferable to another person or institution and must be applied to the award recipient’s tuition, books, and/or room and board for the immediately following academic year. Should a recipient fail to meet eligibility requirements, any unused portion of his or her scholarship is to be returned to APOA.

SELECTION PROCESS

Each applicant may be interviewed by the APOA Scholarship Committee, which will review the application and make the final recommendation to the executive board. School counselors may also be contacted for his or her recommendation.