



The Rockford Area Crime Stoppers organization is pleased to offer several college scholarships to eligible students based on the requirements listed in this application.

The scholarships are intended to foster a greater interest in the criminal justice system toward the enhancement of local law enforcement efforts, by encouraging local students to act on their interest to pursue a degree related to the field of criminal justice. The awards are made possible by the many generous donations of local citizens to our program and through the cooperation of our local crime prevention officials and organizations.

Scholarship Award Criteria*

1. Scholarships worth \$500 will be provided to graduating high school students from Winnebago County.
2. Scholarships worth \$1,000 will be provided to

college students who have completed at least one year of study in the criminal justice field at a higher education institution and who have graduated from a high school in Winnebago County.

* Subject to additional conditions contained within this application and its supporting documents.

Eligibility

There shall be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, religion, color, gender or national origin. The following eligibility requirements and conditions apply:

1. Applicants must either finish their high school senior year or first, second or third year of college by June 20.
2. Graduating high school applicants must be permanent residents of Winnebago County, Illinois; college student applicants may have permanent residence outside Winnebago County, but must have graduated from a high school in Winnebago County.
3. Students must be enrolled as a full time student at an institution of higher learning during the upcoming school year (not including summer sessions).
4. Applicants, if graduating high school, must have a declared educational interest or intended major in criminal justice as a degree or course of study; if completing first, second or third year of college, must be enrolled in a criminal justice or associated field of study toward a degree in same.
5. Recipients of one of these scholarship awards may apply again in another year assuming all other eligibility requirements are met.

Application Process and Deadline

Students may obtain this Crime Stoppers Scholarship Award application only through his or her respective high school or college counselor or school official per the eligibility conditions previously described and per the corresponding award. **Completed application is due to the school or counselor's offices on or before the 2nd Friday in April.** School officials will submit completed and endorsed applications to Crime Stoppers no later than the third Friday in April. The Crime Stoppers Scholarship Award application must be filled out completely and signed/endorsed by a qualified school official.

Please send application(s) to Rockford Area Crime Stoppers P.O. Box 4535 Rockford, IL 61110.

Recipient determination and awarding of scholarships

Upon receipt of applications forwarded and endorsed by the applicants' respective high school or college counselors or advisors, the scholarship committee of Rockford Area Crime Stoppers will review and verify eligibility and completeness of application.

Award judgement will be based on academic achievement, community participation, articulation by the applicant of his interest in criminal justice and any comments or recommendations made by counselors/advisors. Crime Stoppers and its scholarship committee reserves the right to request a personal interview with applicants as deemed necessary. *Decisions made by the scholarship committee of Rockford Area Crime Stoppers are final.*

Announcement of Scholarship Winners

Applicants selected to receive a Crime Stoppers Scholarship Award will be notified by letter no later than the first week in May.

Distribution of monies

The Rockford Area Crime Stoppers Scholarship Awards will be paid directly to the college attended by the selected recipient on behalf of the recipient. One-half of the scholarship award will be applied to the fall semester and one-half applied to the spring semester. Award funds may not be used for summer course enrollment and must be used in the next academic year.

The award recipient must notify the school he/she is attending of the Crime Stoppers scholarship. The college, in turn must provide Rockford Area Crime Stoppers with written verification of recipient's full-time enrollment status before scholarship funds are paid. It is the recipient's responsibility for having the school contact Crime Stoppers with verification.

***Special Notice:** Crime Stoppers Scholarship Awards are granted for the purpose of assisting qualified students with the costs of tuition, books and fees. Funds may not be used for housing or other miscellaneous expenses. Award funds must be used during the regular school year and cannot be used for summer courses. Course and text books must be purchased from a learning institution campus bookstore and billed directly through that institution's bursar's office.*

If recipient's tuition is paid in full by any other scholarship, grant or other award, the Crime Stoppers Scholarship Award cannot be used to reduce the other funding. If payment of the Crime Stoppers Scholarship Award, in conjunction with other such scholarships/ grants exceeds outstanding costs for tuition, books or fees, the Crime Stoppers award will be reduced by the amount it exceeds actual costs.

