

2025-2026 PEACEKEEPERS Scholarship Application
for Law Enforcement or Military Dependents
Deadline June 2, 2025

Please type or print your answers. If application is illegible, it will be returned to you.						
1.	Last Name:	First Name:				
2.	Mailing Address: Street: _____					
	City:	County:	State:	ZIP:		
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: ()					
4.	Date of Birth: Month	Day	Year			
5.	Email (One you check frequently):					
6.	In the Fall of 2025, I will be attending college as a: (Check one)					
	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Master's Level	Other:
	Technical School Student	Medical School Student	Nursing School Student			(year)
7.	I will be attending the following school in the Fall 2025: _____ <i>Winners are required to provide written proof of full-time student enrollment by September 12, 2025.</i>					
8.	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) <i>Attach proof of GPA.</i>					
9.	ACT Score: _____ or SAT Score: _____ <i>Please provide a copy of your score sheet if testing was required for school admittance. (Freshman only)</i>					
10.	Name and city of high school attended:			Graduation Year		
11.	List the name of any college you have attended. (If you have not attended college yet, go on to question 12.)	Year Began	Year Ended	Year Graduated (If applicable)	Type of Degree Received (If applicable)	
	A.					
	B.					
	C.					
12.	What specialty/major do you plan to study as you continue your education?					

13.	List expenses you expect to incur per semester or quarter:		
A.	Tuition:	Amount: \$	
B.	Books:	Amount: \$	
C.	Room & Board:	Amount: \$	
D.	Other Expenses:	Amount: \$	Describe below under comments
E.	Other Expenses:	Amount: \$	Describe below under comments

Comments:

14.	List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter:		
A.	Personal:	Amount: \$	
B.	Other Scholarship(s):	Amount: \$	Describe below under comments
C.	Grants:	Amount: \$	Describe below under comments
D.	Student Loan(s):	Amount: \$	Describe below under comments
E.	Other Financial Resources:	Amount: \$	Describe below under comments

Comments:

Use an additional sheet if you need more room to list financial information requested in items 13 & 14.

15.	Do your parents/guardians still claim you as a dependent for tax purposes? Yes ____ No ____		
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Father/Guardian Name:	Military: Yes ____ No ____	Law Enforcement: Yes ____ No ____
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Father/Guardian Employer & Occupation:	Active ____ Retired ____ Deceased ____
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Address:

Mother/Guardian Name:	Military Yes ____ No ____	Law Enforcement: Yes ____ No ____
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Mother/Guardian Employer & Occupation:	Active ____ Retired ____ Deceased ____
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Address:

Total number of dependents (number claimed on taxes) in household, including yourself:

16.	What are your educational and professional goals and objectives? (You can attach your resume if it has this information.)
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17.	List your academic honors, awards, and membership activities while in high school or college: (You can attach your resume if it has this information.)
18.	List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities: (You can attach your resume if it has this information.)
19.	If selected as a Scholarship winner, may Peacekeepers and the Illinois Sheriffs' Association publish your name and/or picture as a scholarship recipient? Yes _____ No _____

ESSAY QUESTION: *(please attach your essay)*

REMEMBER to submit your essay of 3000-6000 words.

“Is political polarization a greater threat to American democracy than foreign interference or economic instability? In your essay, argue a clear position on this question, using historical and contemporary examples to support your claims. Include analysis of the role of media, social networks, misinformation, and civic engagement. Consider both short-term and long-term consequences of polarization, and propose at least one strategy for addressing it.”

Must include verifiable sources and proper citations (MLA, APA, or Chicago style accepted) Essays will be judged on: Depth of analysis, Originality of argument, Use of credible sources, Writing quality and structure, and Relevance to current events.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the ISA scholarship program.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Applications must be RECEIVED by June 2, 2025!

Remember all applications are to be submitted to the Sheriff's Office in your County.
DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE ILLINOIS SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION.

2025-2026 Peacekeepers Scholarship

Eligibility

There shall be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex or national origin. The only limitations are the following:

- Applicants must be permanent Illinois residents.
- Scholarships are to be utilized at institutions of higher learning.
- Students must be enrolled as a **full-time** student during the 2025-2026 school year (excluding summer session).
- Scholarships applicants must be dependents of active-duty or retired Law Enforcement or Law Enforcement killed in the line of duty or dependents of active-duty military, active Military Reserve, active National Guard or a member killed in action.
- Only the immediate family of the sheriff is ineligible to apply. Families of sheriff's office employees are eligible to make application.
- Those who received the Peacekeepers Scholarship during a previous academic year may apply again. However, such applicants will be considered along with all others who apply in the county.
- If for any reason, a recipient relinquishes a scholarship, that scholarship will be granted to an alternate from the same county which was selected by the Peacekeepers Committee.

Please read the following very carefully. Failure to comply with the rules will result in disqualification.

How to Apply

Applications are available at local Sheriff's offices or at www.ilsheriff.org/youth-2/. Fill out the application, complete the written essay and return all documentation to the **Sheriff's Office in the county of your permanent residence** by **June 2, 2025 (must be postmarked by this date)**. A Sheriffs' directory is available at www.ilsheriff.org/sheriffs-directory/. Applicants must be eligible for admission to the school indicated on the application.

******Do not send completed applications to the ISA Office******

Distribution of Monies

The scholarship funds will be paid **directly** to the school on behalf of the recipient. The total scholarship award will be divided as follows: 1/2 credited to the fall semester and 1/2 credited to the spring semester. Funds cannot be used for summer courses and must be used during the 2025-2026 academic year. If you are selected as recipient of a Peacekeepers Scholarship, you will be notified in writing by the ISA office and/or your local County Sheriff. The ISA office must be contacted by the school with written enrollment verification before **September 12, 2025**, or scholarship checks will **not** be issued until such notice has been received. **If you do not submit your enrollment verification to the ISA Office by September 12, 2025, your scholarship will be declined and awarded to the alternate. No exceptions. Enrollment verification to be sent to: Megan@ilsheriff.org**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: *Scholarship funds are intended to assist students with the cost of tuition, books and fees. No funds can be used for housing or any other incurred expenses. Funds must be used during the regular school year and cannot be used for summer courses. Books must be purchased from a learning institution campus bookstore and directly billed through that institution's bursar's office. If tuition is paid in full by any other scholarship, grant or other financial aid the scholarship cannot be used to reduce the other funding.*

Scholarship Winners will be announced by June 20th!