

TEXAS DPS OFFICERS ASSOCIATION INITIAL SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

Qualified high school graduates are encouraged to apply for a DPS Officer's Association Scholarship. Applicants must submit their completed application within four years following their graduation from high school. Applicants must have had a minimum 2.00 grade point average based on a 4.00 or equivalent system.

Awarded scholarship checks will be sent to the applicant and made payable to the college, university, or trade school of the applicant's choice. The granting of a scholarship will be at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. A \$25 fee will be charged for scholarship checks necessitating reissue.

All qualified applicants will be considered for a scholarship without regard to race, color, age, religion, sex, national origin or disability. The DPSOA encourages high school graduates to apply for this scholarship. Applicants who did not attend a public/private school must contact the DPSOA office for eligibility requirements.

NOTE: Applicants must complete a minimum of 24 semester hours of college credit within 12 consecutive months and within the four year period following receipt of their Initial Scholarship. Applicants must have a minimum 2.75 cumulative grade point average on a 4.00 scale to be eligible for a DPSOA Continuing Education Scholarship. APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY THE UNITED STATE POST OFFICE NO LATER THAN JUNE 15 OF THE CURRENT YEAR.

To be considered, the application packet must contain all the following items as indicated. Applicant must initial on this form each item submitted and include this form with the application for scholarship.

 1. COMPLETED APPLICATION Application must indicate that it is for an Initial Scholarship. Application must be completed on a typewriter, computer, or similar device in its entirety. (Handwritten applications will not be accepted.) Application must have applicant's original signature and be dated. All information must be true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

 2. OFFICIAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT (HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE) If an official high school transcript is not submitted, a letter, from a high school official, stating that applicant met the scholastic requirements for a high school graduate and had a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 on a 4.00 scale or equivalent is required.

 3. NARRATIVE The narrative is to include the applicant's achievements, leadership skills, extra curricular activities, career goals, the need for financial assistance, and any other information applicant feels is pertinent for consideration. The narrative must be completed on a typewriter, computer, or similar device. (A handwritten narrative will not be accepted).

 4. THIS COMPLETED INSTRUCTION SHEET

**MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET TO: Department of Public Safety Officers
Association DPSOA Scholarship Program, 5821 Airport Blvd. Austin, Texas 78752**