



2009

South Suburban Association Chiefs of Police Police & Support Staff Dependent Scholarship

Application Postmark Deadline: **APRIL 23, 2009**

The South Suburban Association Chiefs of Police organization is comprised of Police Chiefs and police command officers from federal, state, county, and local law enforcement agencies throughout the south and southwestern suburbs of Chicago. Park Forest Police Department Chief Thomas Fleming is the current president of SSACOP.

The purpose of the South Suburban Association Chiefs of Police is to advance the science and art of police administration and crime prevention; to develop and disseminate improved administrative and technical practices and to promote their use in police work; to foster police cooperation and the exchange of information; provide training in the police profession of qualified persons; and to encourage adherence of all police officers to high professional standards of conduct.

Police and Support Staff Dependant College Scholarship

As Chief Law Enforcement Executives, SSACOP members are charged with the professional development and care of our employees. In 2007, the Executive Board of the SSACOP developed an educational scholarship specifically to benefit the families of our staff members. This scholarship is offered to a dependant of any Police Officer or Support Staff member working for a Law Enforcement Agency represented by an SSACOP member Chief. For 2009, four \$1,000 Police and Support Staff Dependant College Scholarships will be awarded.

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

On behalf of the South Suburban Chiefs of Police, we would like to applaud your efforts to pursue a college education. Your interest in applying for this scholarship shows that you have decided to positively impact your future through higher education.

We realize how important this process is to you and your family and take great care in reviewing all applications. We wish you much success in your educational endeavors.

Chief Thomas Fleming
President, SSACOP

2009 SSACOP
Police & Support Staff Dependent Scholarship Program
Park Forest Police Dept., Attn. Scholarship, 200 Lakewood Blvd., Park Forest, IL 60466

Application Instructions

Postmark Deadline: APRIL 23, 2009

How To Get The Application:

<http://www.ssacop.org/> or pick one up at your local police department

Calendar:

Feb 19, 2009	Application available
April 23, 2009	Postmark deadline for Completed application
April 24, 2009	Applications to scholarship Committee
May 14, 2009	Award notification
May 28, 2009	Scholarships awarded

Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible for a scholarship, you must:

- Be the child, step child, or dependent grandchild of a police officer or support staff working for law enforcement agency whose Chief of Police is a member in good standing of SSACOP
- Be a high school senior graduating in 2009 or a current college student
- Provide proof of acceptance of enrollment in a college or university (include copy of letter of acceptance or schedule of classes)
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Selection Criteria:

Applicants are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Parent/guardian employed with the police department within the SSACOP.
- High School senior or current college student.
- Academic record (minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale)
- Community Service (**Heavily-Rated**)
- Essays

Application Preparation:

- You may type or neatly print application.
- You may use a computer or typewriter to write your essay and provide as an attachment.

Transcript:

Provide an **official transcript** from your current high school. (Unofficial transcripts, report cards will not be accepted)

- Transcripts should include your cumulative grade point average (GPA).

Optional Letter of Recommendation:

- This may be submitted by your counselor, teacher, professor, employer, or local law enforcement officer.
- Allow your recommender at least two weeks to complete it.

The recommender should be able to address the following:

- Academic record, plans, and goals
- Personal strengths, including motivation, leadership and commitment
- Community service and extracurricular activities
- The letter of recommendation should remain confidential. **The letter should be placed in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal of the envelope and submitted with your application.**

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All materials must be mailed in one envelope that is postmarked on or before APRIL 23, 2009

Mail to:

Park Forest Police Dept.
Attn: Scholarship
200 Lakewood Blvd.
Park Forest, IL 60466

Notification: Award applicant will be notified by May 14, 2009



SSACOP Scholarship Application 2009

Personal Information

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Date of Birth: _____

SCHOLARSHIP CHECKS WILL BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE INSTITUTION YOU WILL ATTEND

**Contact Address (where you receive mail)
Correspondence will be mailed to this address**

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____

Primary email address: _____

Parent/Guardian occupation: _____
(Father)

Place of employment: _____

Parent/Guardian occupation: _____
(Mother)

Place of employment: _____

High School/College/University _____
Currently attending: Name

Address

City, State, Zip

The above stated applicant is the child, step child or dependent grandchild of a police officer or support staff member of my department.

Chief of Police Name

Chief of Police Signature

Town/Village/City

Essays: Complete each essay separately. Each essay should be a minimum of 250 words. You must type these on separate pages and include them with your application. **Use 12 pt font and double space.** Place your name at the top of each essay.

1. Discuss a community service experience that has helped you broaden your perspective in some way. Include a description of your role in that experience. (minimum of 250 words)
2. List the top three reasons you have decided to earn a college degree. Order the list by level of importance (“1” being the most important reason, “2” the second most important, and so on). Describe each reason briefly. (minimum of 250 words)

Optional additional essay:

Describe a recent challenge you have faced, and what you did to overcome it.

I certify that all information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. It is my responsibility to contact SSACOP with any changes to my contact information.

Applicant's signature:

_____ Date: _____