

# Michael L. Bailey Law Enforcement Scholarship



Hello,

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My name is Michelle, Owner/Founder of Minding My Purpose, LLC. We are a small business that provides Life/Business Coaching that is designed to help people identify & pursue their greater purpose in life, while balancing personal & professional responsibilities. We have partnered with Connections 2 Life, a nonprofit organization that provides critical health education and life-saving skills. Our goal is to raise awareness about the need for young people in law enforcement. We recognize and honor students who are pursuing Law Enforcement Exploring Programs by offering the Michael L. Bailey Law Enforcement Scholarship, awardee(s) receive a one-time payment of \$500 for their educational expenses.

#### Applicants who meet the following criteria will be considered:

- Age 17-20
- Must be either a High School Senior or Active College Student
- Completed Scholarship Application
- Completed Essay (1/2 – 1 page): Topic - Why did you choose the path of Law Enforcement and how will you use your career to impact your community?

#### [THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS FEBRUARY 15, 2026](#)

If you know of a student who would like to apply, please share the enclosed scholarship application. Winners will be announced in January, and students will be recognized during our annual Scholarship Fundraising Gala (A Formal Affair) on March 7, 2026. More details about this event and the scholarship can be found on our [website](#).

If you and/or your organization would like more information about how to make a [tax-deductible contribution](#) to the Michael L. Bailey Scholarship Fund, visit our [website](#) and please don't hesitate to reach out.

*Michael L. Bailey, an Arkansas Native, pursued his Criminal Justice Degree following High School Graduation in 1980. By his early twenties Michael was a husband, father, and Police Officer. With his passion for public safety, he went on to serve his community as a State Capitol Police Officer in the city of Little Rock, Arkansas. He also served as a Police Officer in the cities of Liberal, Kansas; Dumas, Arkansas; and Lake Village, Arkansas for over 20 years and rose to the rank of Sergeant. After retiring, he ran for County Judge in his Arkansas hometown and taught Criminal Justice at his local High School. Sergeant Bailey passed in 2021, leaving behind a beautiful family and a legacy in public safety. It is only fitting to continue his legacy of commitment to community by developing the Michael L. Bailey Law Enforcement Scholarship for deserving young Public Safety Officers.*

With your help we can impact countless young lives and encourage their journey to success.

Warmest Regards,

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