



OFFICER 156 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

2026 APPLICATION FORM

Deadline: This application form and all other required documentation must be received by April 25th, 2026. Mail to: Attention 156 Scholarship, Officer Moats Foundation, P.O. Box 6256, Maryville TN 37802.

Questions? Email contact@officemoatsfoundation.org

Website: www.OfficerMoatsFoundation.org

Eligibility: Must meet the following eligibility criteria.

- Resident of Blount or a surrounding County
- U.S Citizenship
- Individual 21+ desiring a career in "local law enforcement" by attending a local police academy **or** a current Law Enforcement Officer enrolled in an accredited college or university where the course selection directly applies to advancement in their Law Enforcement career **or** a current student studying criminal justice entering their final year
- Be able to demonstrate financial need

Scholarship: \$2,156 one-time award

Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

Address (Number, Street, Apt #, City, State, Zip): _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____ home _____ cell _____ other _____

Email address: _____

Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Gender _____

Are you a high school graduate? _____

If yes, school name and year graduated _____

How Many years have you lived in East Tennessee _____

Please attach letter(s) of recommendation which includes contact information (phone number and email) of individual writing recommendation letter.

Section A – to be completed by Police Academy attendee

Are you a college/university/trade school graduate? _____

If yes, list current degree(s), year of graduation and name of institution: _____

Name of Police Academy attending: _____

Have you applied: _____ Has your application been accepted: _____

**Proof of acceptance and enrollment is required prior to funds being released to financial aid department at Academy*

Where are you currently employed? (Company name, address and type of business):

Date hired: _____

Supervisors name and phone #: _____

Please attach a personal essay that includes answers the following questions...

- Why do you want to pursue a career in law enforcement?
- What are your future goals as a police officer and beyond?
- What do you consider your highest achievement or your best quality that will assist you in your plans to become a police officer?
- Provide a brief statement regarding your financial situation and your need for this scholarship.

Section B – to be completed by Police Officer for continued education

Law Enforcement Department of Employment: _____

Date hired: _____

Supervisors name and phone #: _____

Where did you receive your initial Law Enforcement Training? _____

How long have you been in Law Enforcement? _____

Are you a college/university/trade school graduate? _____

If yes, list current degree(s), year of graduation and name of institution: _____

Research studies show police officers who have earned a college degree demonstrate better overall job performance and have greater advancement opportunities than their colleagues without a degree.

College/University you will be attending: _____

**Proof of acceptance and enrollment is required prior to funds being released to
College/University*

Course selection _____

Please attach a personal essay that includes answers to the following questions...

- How will your course work will influence your Law Enforcement career objectives?
- Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your future goals?
- Describe how obtaining additional education or a college degree will further these goals and objectives.
- Provide a brief statement regarding your financial situation and your need for this scholarship.

Section C – to be completed by current student obtaining a Criminal Justice Degree

Name of College/University currently attending: _____

Will you graduate with a Criminal Justice Degree in the 2026/2027 academic year _____?

Is this you're your first Degree? _____
If no, please least previous degrees earned _____

Please attach a personal essay that includes answers to the following questions...

- Why do you want to pursue a career in Criminal Justice?
- What type of work would you like to do with your Criminal Justice Degree?
- Describe the achievements and/or events that have happened in your life which will help you succeed in reaching your future goals.
- Provide a brief statement regarding your financial situation, your need for this scholarship and the difference it would make in your attendance.

Please attach a copy of your unofficial college transcript and documentation showing you are slated to graduate with a criminal justice degree by the end of spring semester 2027.

**Proof of enrollment is required prior to funds being released to College/University*