



**2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

*(Please type or print all responses)*

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Night) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

School Presently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Extra-curricular activities (school & community), awards, organizations, etc...

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*(attach additional sheets if necessary)*

Your future goals and career plans:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*(Attach additional sheets if necessary)*

Member/Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Program that you are enrolled in/ Student ID number: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of Tuition: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain why you deserve this scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*(Attach additional sheets if necessary)*

I certify that this application is accurate and complete:

Applicant Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that the Member is in good standing with the Blue Knights®:*

Chapter President Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter President Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please include with this application an original essay, between 500 to 1,500 words on the topic:

## 2023 Topic

Many Law Enforcement agencies around the world are experiencing shortages of officers and are experiencing difficulty in recruiting new officers. In the United States numerous departments attribute this to the Black Lives Matter movement, "Defunding the Police" that was introduced a few years ago. Some believe that this ideology is intended to abolish Police Departments and others indicate that some police funding should be redistributed to other government agencies to handle specific tasks. Are departments in your country experiencing retention and recruiting issues? If so, is this attributed to the BLM movement or is there another reason specific to your country? Those of you living in a community that you believe are not having any of these difficulties please explain why you are not.

This essay is **required** and will be graded during the selection process. The top 25% essays will be selected for inclusion in the lottery in which five winners will be chosen. Submissions become the property of Blue Knights® International and will not be returned. Winning essays may be reprinted in the

Blue Knights® News. *Incomplete applications will be disqualified. (**That means every blank must be filled in! Omit one and be disqualified!**)*

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE BY May1, 2023**

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