

GREATER PEORIA AREA CRIME STOPPERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Greater Peoria Area Crime Stoppers will be making available three(3) \$1,000 scholarships for deserving students in Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford Counties, Illinois. Three of these scholarships are named for the founding fathers of the Greater Peoria Area Crime Stoppers: Mr. Gene Holmes, Chief Allen H. Andrews and the late Dr. Kenneth Camp. These scholarships are available to high school seniors to assist them in continuing their education at an institution of higher learning. The following criterion has been adopted for the 2016-17 academic year.

1. Three (3) scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be available.
2. Student must be a resident of Peoria, Tazewell or Woodford County (IL).
3. There will be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex, or national origin.
4. The student must be a high school senior or home schooled student entering to be enrolled in a university, college, junior college or vocational school for the 2016-17 academic year, with a major in law enforcement or public administration.
5. Student must have a C average or above and be recommended by his/her high school. The application must contain the student's GPA through the fall semester of their senior year. The school must certify the GPA.
6. Applications must be received or postmarked by April 1, 2016. The application will be made available to all high schools in the tri-county area and is available at www.peoriaareacrimestoppers.com
7. Funds will be paid directly to the school and may be used for tuition, books or fees. Funds may not be used for summer or mini- sessions.
8. To be considered, the application packet must contain:
 - a. A completed application form
 - b. A 500 word essay on "Safety in Our Schools"
 - c. School certified GPA through fall 2015 semester.
 - i. Based on a 4.0 scale
 - d. Three letters of recommendation
 - i. One must be from a school administrator
 - ii. Family recommendations not accepted
9. The GPACS president will appoint a review committee consisting of four members of the Greater Peoria Area Crime Stoppers board and three community members. All members will have equal voting rights on awarding of scholarships. The applications will be judged based on a numerical value assigned to each section of the application. The GPACS president will assign a custodian to receive and hold all original applications and distribute copies to all committee members. Names will be redacted from the copies. The committee members will conduct an individual review and assign numerical values to each application. After this review, names will be associated with each application. The review committee will meet as a whole and make a final approval of the

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- awardees. The GPACS board will be notified of the findings of the review committee. Board members will be given a copy of the materials used by the review committee, but will not have the names of the applicants until after final voting.
10. A standing committee on scholarships will make a recommendation to the full GPACS board at the October meeting each year on the essay theme, application changes, or changes in the judging criteria.
 11. The review committee's vote will be the final decision on the awarding of scholarships.
 12. The review committee will also name alternate recipients in case an original awardee fails to meet the enrollment requirements.
 13. NOTIFICATION: Schools will be notified of the recipients of the scholarship or be notified of those who were denied. The notification will occur the first week of May. A GPACS board member will attend the high school awards programs to present the scholarship certificate to the students.
 14. Awardees and their parents will be invited to the Annual Sports Auction in July to be recognized for their achievements.
 15. DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS: The scholarship funds will be paid directly to the school on behalf of the recipient. The total scholarship will be divided as follows: ½ credited to the fall semester and ½ credited to the spring semester. The recipient must instruct the school he/she is attending to provide the Greater Peoria Crime Stoppers with written notification of full-time enrollment status before any scholarship funds are disbursed. Also, please ask the school to provide us with your student identification number which we reference when providing the school with your award. Crime Stoppers must be contacted in writing before September 1st 2016 for the fall semester and prior to January 1st 2017 for the spring semester. Documentation should be sent to:
Greater Peoria Area Crime Stoppers
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 5232
Peoria, IL 61601

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**2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT YOUR ANSWERS**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____ **EVENING PHONE:** _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ **HIGH SCHOOL:** _____

GPA: _____ (PROOF OF GPA WILL BE REQUIRED)

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____ **EVENING PHONE:** _____

HIGHER EDUCATION INFORMATION

In the fall of 2016, I will be attending:

MAJOR: _____ **MINOR:** _____

Proof of acceptance and enrollment required in writing by September 10, 2016

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SCHOOL RELATED OR CIVIC ACTIVITIES (please indicate offices held)

HIGH SCHOOL:

Honors and Awards: _____

EXTRA-CURRICULAR (School related):

Honors and Awards: _____

CIVIC (Non-school related):

Honors and Awards: _____

If more space is needed, please use back or attach an additional sheet.

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2016-17 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – CHECKLIST

_____ **APPLICATION**

_____ **500 WORD ESSAY ON “SAFETY IN OUR SCHOOLS”**

_____ **GPA AND SCHOOL CERTIFICATION**

- **THROUGH FALL 2015**
- **BASED ON 4.0 SCALE**

_____ **THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
(FAMILY MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS NOT ACCEPTED)**

PLEASE MAIL PACKET TO:

***GREATER PEORIA AREA CRIME STOPPERS
ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
PO BOX 5232
PEORIA, IL 61601***

Please direct questions to Dr. R Scott Russell at 309-635-1145

APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER APRIL 1, 2016 WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED