Florida Law Enforcement Academy Scholarship Program

Section 1009.896, Florida Statutes
State Board of Education Rule 6A-20.0284

The Florida Law Enforcement Academy Scholarship Program is created to assist in the recruitment of law enforcement officers within the state by providing financial assistance to eligible trainees who enroll in a commission-approved law enforcement officer basic recruit training program.

Applying for an Award

Students will need to meet eligibility requirements through the application process established by the participating institution. Applications may be obtained at the financial aid offices of eligible Florida postsecondary institutions.

Requirements to Receive Funding

To be eligible for the scholarship award, a trainee must be enrolled in a commission-approved basic recruit training program at a Florida College System institution or school district technical center for the purposes of meeting the minimum qualifications under section (s.) 943.13(9), Florida Statutes (F.S.), for employment or appointment as a law enforcement officer.

Award Procedures

The scholarship shall be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Eligibility for awards are based on the date the department receives each completed application from the postsecondary institution, and is contingent upon an appropriation by the Legislature.
The postsecondary institution will disburse awards to eligible students each term. To be eligible for the scholarship award a trainee must:

- Be enrolled in a commission-approved basic recruit training program at a Florida College System institution or school district technical center for the purposes of meeting the minimum qualifications under s. 943.13(9), F.S., for employment or appointment as a law enforcement officer, and
- Not be sponsored by an employing agency that is already covering the cost of a basic recruit training program.

The award to eligible trainees shall be an amount equal to any costs and fees described below that are necessary to complete the basic recruit training program, less any state and federal financial aid received by the trainee. The award to trainees shall cover:

- The cost of tuition,
- Any applicable fees required by sections 1009.22(3), (5), (6), and (7), or 1009.23(3), (4), (7), (8), (10), and (11); however, any award for a nonresident trainee shall not include the out-of-state fee, and
- Up to $1,000 for eligible expenses including:
  - The officer certification examination fee established pursuant to s. 943.1397, F.S.,
  - Textbooks,
  - Uniforms,
  - Ammunition,
  - Required insurance, and
  - Any other costs or fees for necessary consumable materials required to complete the basic recruit training program.

A recipient must notify OSFA of any change in name, address or institution attended.

A student may update information by contacting Customer Service at 888-827-2004 or logging into his or her online OSFA account:


Transferring from one institution to another could affect an applicant’s award.
The Privacy Act of 1974 requires state agencies to inform applicants of the reasons for requesting their Social Security Numbers (SSN). The FDOE requests an SSN on all applications for student financial assistance in order to correctly identify applicants, match each applicant’s financial aid record with the student record at the postsecondary institution the applicant attends, and help coordinate state student aid programs with federal student aid programs.

An applicant will not be denied financial assistance for failure to disclose the SSN. Without an SSN, correct identification of an applicant’s record cannot be assured and may result in an error in the award amount or a delay in the award disbursement.

Pursuant to section 1000.05, Florida Statutes, state student financial assistance is provided to eligible applicants without discriminating on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, disability, or marital status. Minority status will be considered when required by law as a condition of eligibility or selection.

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