

Friends of LEO Scholarship Application

Congratulations and thank you, high school senior, for your interest in your pursuit of higher education. The pursuit of higher education opens infinite doors and opportunities for those who seek the knowledge and have the drive to make a difference.

Friends of LEO (FoLEO) was founded and established in April of 2019 in Powell County, MT. It is the mission of FoLEO to build trust and opportunities within local communities. This is accomplished by engaging youth and encouraging positive interactions with local law enforcement. With trust, communication, presence, encouragement, and abilities, we can build a community that feels safe and secure, and can maintain that “small town” feel.

Part of our helping the youth in our community is offering the opportunity for a scholarship. We understand that education can be expensive, and every small amount of support helps. We have put together this application with all the requirements and materials you will need to apply. Please read through the instructions carefully as attention to detail is important, and you must include all necessary materials. Through the completion of this application process, you will gain some insight into the potential career field(s) you are interested in. By the time you have completed this application, you should have a better understanding of the career, and potential opportunities that would be available to you upon your perspective employment.

We wish you luck, and we offer you assistance should you need it. We will be here to help guide you along the way and answer any questions or navigate any barriers you may encounter.

Good luck Senior!

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Required Materials Checklist

Please be sure to include all materials

_____ Application

_____ Service Hour Timesheet (with original signatures)

_____ Narrative

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_____ Letters of Recommendation (with original signatures) x3

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Application Instructions

Introduction

Scholarships will only be awarded to those who have an interest in pursuing an education in any legal or law related field, including but not limited to: lawyer, police officer, game warden, emergency service provider, prison warden, court personnel, or any other related field.

Please be sure to read through the instructions carefully. Applications missing sections, without approval from the board, will be eliminated. Please submit completed applications before May 1st, 2021, to Ambrel McKetchnie, FoLEO founder, who may be reached at (406) 533-9704, or in the Powell County courthouse.

The 2020-2021 school year is the first year FoLEO will be offering a scholarship opportunity. At this time, it is undetermined the monetary value, or quantity of scholarships to be awarded. After our largest fundraising event, which is held on the 2nd Saturday in October each year, we will know what the year's scholarship(s) will look like. We will publish this information no later than Dec. 1st following the event. As years pass, scholarship amount and quantities may change. We will post previous years recipients and award amounts each year, no later than June 15th.

Application

Please include all requested information in the enclosed application. Application may be completed electronically, or with ink. FoLEO will not share or disclose any provided information with any parties except the board members during the review process of applications.

Service Hour Timesheet

All applicants are required to spend a total of 10 hours with professionals in desired career, as well as related professions. The hours you spend with these professionals are intended to provide you the opportunity to ask questions, learn, gain insight and experience, and determine if this is the correct path for you. These hours are also intended to help you gain insight into related professions, as often they work hand in hand, and may open you up to different or more perspectives.

You are responsible for reaching out and scheduling your time. Ambrel has taken the liberty in approaching different officials and gaining their permission and approval for you to spend time with them. The Sheriff's Office, Police Department, Justice Court, District Court, County Attorney, and Victim Assistance, have all agreed to share their knowledge with you, answer all your questions, and give you experience. Your time sheet MUST equal ten hours. Times must be signed by the professional you spent time with. More than ten hours will not increase your chances of receiving the scholarship.

Narrative

With ten hours gaining experience, you should have plenty to share. We want to know what you learned and experienced in your ten hours. Tell us what you liked and did not like. Tell us what surprised you about your time in a career that you had not previously thought about. Tell us if your experience changed your mind at all, or if it made you more driven to get through college. Finally, we want you to tell us something you found problematic and propose a solution. Before proposing a solution, you need to research policies, procedures, and the legality of your identified problem and solution to ensure it is based on fact and not perception.

Your narrative should be 6 pages in length, double spaced, justified margins, size 12 font in Arial or New Times Roman, and APA format. Your last name and page number should be the header. Include a cover page and reference page; these will not count toward your page count.

Letters of Recommendation

We want to know who you are from the perception of others. Please ask three people, over the age of 18, who have known you for a period of more than three years, to write a letter of recommendation for you. Please have them sign their letter. Only one letter can be from a family member.

Interview

Each applicant will be required to attend an in-person interview. Applicants will be notified of the time and location after the May 1st deadline. The purpose of the interview is to gauge applicants on a few important aspects. 1) Critical Thinking. 2) Character. 3) Sincerity. 4) Content. 5) Presentation.

During the interview process, we will be asking some scenario-based questions, and general questions about your time completing your service hours. All questions will be tailored to you and your desired career path. You may bring a notepad for note taking, but otherwise there are no other needed materials. Interview times will vary in duration. We want to be able to get to know you and may have many questions. You will also have the opportunity to ask us questions.

Conclusion

When you have everything you need for your application, please put it together in a folder or cover with your name on the front. Make sure everything is included with original signatures. No electronic submissions will be accepted. Call Ambrel to make arrangements to turn your application in, or drop it off at her office in the courthouse.

Pat yourself on the back and take a break. You did it! The recipient will be notified by phone, and published by June 15th. In the meantime, keep applying for other scholarships and planning for college. If you have questions, just ask. Good Luck!

Application

Full Legal Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Zip: _____ Year resided at current address: _____ (Fill in previous if less than 2 years)

Previous Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Are you currently employed? Y / N

Employer: _____

Perspective Degree Path: _____

Perspective College: _____

Current Highschool and GPA: _____

Extra-Curricular Activities: _____

Prior Volunteer Experience: _____

How would you describe yourself?

How would your teacher describe you?

How would your friends describe you?

What are your hobbies?

Why should we award you a scholarship?

