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PRESS RELEASE MSA SCHOLARSHIP

Crow Wing County Sheriff Scott Goddard announced the commencement of the Law Enforcement Scholarship Program for 2020. Sheriff Goddard proudly announced that the MSA Board of Directors has established a scholarship fund for awarding up to 15 - \$600 scholarships for this year. These scholarships are due to the coordinated efforts of the 87 Sheriffs of the State of Minnesota.

The Members of the Minnesota Sheriff's Association (MSA) give special recognition to the financial needs of students attending the peace officer skills course or one of the two-year or four-year law enforcement degree colleges. "The Board of Directors feel peace officers in our democratic society have complex duties to perform" said Bill Hutton, Executive Director, MSA. The MSA recognizes the importance of pre-entry training for people considering law enforcement as their career choice. The MSA recognizes some students need outside help in meeting the costs of such training, even though they excel academically.

The Scholarship Committee intends on achieving representation from all geographical areas of the state. Scholarship awards will be announced by December 28, 2020. Application forms and a statement of procedures are available at the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office. Scholarships are only available to students currently enrolled in one of the following three categories:

1. Mandated POST Skills Program
2. In their second year of a two-year law enforcement program
3. In their third or fourth year of a four-year college criminal justice program

In order to qualify, students must have completed at least one year of the two-year program or two years of a four-year program. Students meeting these criteria are invited to obtain a scholarship application form from Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office or online at mnsheriffs.org. Completed applications need to be submitted to the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office on or before October 16, 2020.