



Willy Lee Bjorge Law Enforcement Exploring Scholarship

The Willy Lee Bjorge Memorial Scholarship was instituted to provide scholarship opportunities to law enforcement Explorers in recognition of generous commitment of time, effort, initiative, cooperation, and cheerfulness in service to the sponsoring department.

The Award

This award consists of a \$750 one-time scholarship, payable to an accredited college or technical school for tuition only. This year's recognition will be presented during the MN Law Enforcement Exploring Association Conference Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 29, 2017.

Who is Eligible?

Any law enforcement Explorer who will have completed their freshman year at a Minnesota Post accredited college in a law enforcement program **by** summer 2017 is eligible. The Explorer must have been an active participant of the post for the entire calendar year and still be an active Explorer when selected for the award.

Selection Criteria

Nominations should be made on the basis of leadership ability, extracurricular activities and the Explorer's contribution in service as a volunteer in the activities of the sponsoring department. The major elements to be considered for this award will be the amount of time spent performing service to the department; the levels of effort and initiative displayed; organizational ability demonstrated; the quality and importance of the work performed; the personal responsibility and positive attitude toward community service displayed; and the level of cooperation with post and department personnel as well as others in the community.

Candidates must be planning a law enforcement career.

Nominating Procedure

To nominate an individual, the following procedure should be used:

1. The Advisor and committee oversee the preparation and completion of the Willy Lee Bjorge Memorial Law Enforcement Exploring Scholarship nomination form.
2. The post Advisor, assistant Advisor, a post committee member, or an appropriate organization official must prepare a statement on department letterhead that describes the service to the department.

If there are any questions concerning this award or if additional information is required, please contact Melinda Inman, 651.254.9166 or minman@explorenow.org. Send nomination form with statement to: Northern Star Council Attn: Melinda Inman, 393 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55102 or fax to 763.231.7202.



Completed application forms must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 31, 2017 to be considered.

Part II. Educational Data

Where will you be attending school in fall 2017? _____

Number of Academic credits to be completed by summer 2017 _____

Part III. Exploring and Community Service Information

You may use a separate sheet of paper as needed to include all details. Please indicate the number of hours served with each position or organization.

Post # _____ Post Name _____

Leadership Positions Held _____

Awards or Recognitions Received _____

School and Community Affiliations _____

Part IV. Post Advisor Statement

Please attach a statement, on department letterhead, describing the candidate's service to the department, the post and the community at large. As you write please note the following:

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2. The major elements to be considered for this award will be the amount of time spent performing service to the department.
3. The levels of effort and initiative displayed.
4. Organizational ability demonstrated.
5. The quality and importance of the work performed.
6. The personal responsibility and positive attitude toward community service displayed.
7. The level of cooperation with post and department personnel, as well as others in the community.

Submitted by _____ Date _____

Title _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Part V. Personal Statement

Please attach a statement, in your own words, describing: “The Exploring program has been important to me and this is why.” Your signature on this attachment confirms this statement was written in your own words.

If you are selected to receive the 2017 Willy Lee Bjorge Scholarship, please remember:

- The check for your scholarship will be forwarded directly to the financial officer of the school of your choice. You will be asked to complete an “escrow release” form, which will then allow the financial officer to use those funds for your tuition.

Stop! Before putting this application form in an envelope, be sure that you have included the following:

- **Completed Application form**
- **Post Advisor Statement from your Exploring leader.**
- **Your personal letter responding to the statement: The Exploring program has been important to me and this is why. *Note: This letter must be signed by you.***

****Missing items may disqualify your application.****

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