



Ron Valento Memorial Scholarship Application

Ron Valento was a Deputy with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. He served the community in many ways during his 21 years of service, working various units within the Sheriff's Office. But his passion was mentoring youth as an explorer advisor. He felt it was important to teach the explorers the basics of law enforcement exploring, but even more importantly how to be a respected leader and responsible young adults.

Many knew Ron as a mentor, but it was never so apparent as when he passed away in 2017. Hundreds of people came forward and expressed how deeply he impacted their lives; he was a role model and a confidant to them all. He went out of his way to make people feel loved and respected, with a few kind words and the gift of his time.

Ron's legacy to so many was the role model he was. He always took a little extra time with the explorers who needed it the most and made sure they knew they were important to him. Their success as police officers and professionals is a testament to how great of a leader and role model Ron was.

In honor of Ron's Leadership and Mentorship with Ramsey County Sheriff's Explorer Post #2, Ron's family has created this memorial scholarship to immortalize his legacy.

The Award

An award of \$ 500.00 will be awarded to a high school senior or enrolled college student at the Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Conference.

Who is Eligible?

Any Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer who is in the 12th grade (or above) and is in current good standing with their post and has post-high school plans or is attending college. The applicants will be evaluated on their academic record, leadership ability, extracurricular activities, and personal essay.

Application Process

- Complete the application, which must be signed by applicant and Explorer Advisor.
- Be a current registered explorer of a Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer post.
- A transcript of his/her high school record (if in college, submit both college and high school transcripts).
- A 500-word (minimum) essay on "Who was your Role Model and what impact did this have on your life?"

Deadline

Application and supporting materials must be received no later than April 10, 2019.

Send applications to:

MLEEA (Ron Valento Memorial Scholarship)

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Certifications

Applicant

I certify that the information provided in and with this application is accurate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Post Advisor

I hereby certify that this Explorer is/was a registered member of this post.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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