

Officer Craig Birkholz Scholarship In Police Science or Criminal Justice

The Birky Challenge Scholarship Team, Inc. awards an annual scholarship to graduates of a high school in the State of Wisconsin who are enrolled in a Wisconsin based college and pursuing either a two-year or four-year degree in Police Science or Criminal Justice. Furthermore, any military veterans pursuing said degree are also eligible.

Wearing Badge #67, Craig Birkholz was a City of Fond du Lac Police Officer who was killed in the line of duty on March 20, 2011. He was a military veteran, a good husband and a dedicated police officer who set an example of dedication to his job, commitment to good physical conditioning, using care & compassion carrying out his role as a police officer.

The Birky Challenge Scholarship Team created a scholarship fund at the Fond du Lac Area Foundation that is supported by the Birky 67 Challenge, an annual charity bicycle ride of 67 miles, in an effort to provide the financial help needed to enter into a career as a police officer. It is hoped that this scholarship may help educate and prepare future police officers who can be as effective and as impactful in his/ her community as Craig was.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

A \$2500 scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

- Personal qualifications
- Academic Excellence (3.0 GPA overall)
- Written statement of career goals in law enforcement
- Community involvement

APPLICANT MUST

- High School graduates from the State of WI and all Military Veterans enrolled in any college or technical school in the State of Wisconsin.
- Completed 30 credit hours (if in a two year degree program) or 60 credit hours (if in a four year degree program) and proof of a 3.0 overall GPA
- If notified as being a finalist, must participate in a face-to-face interview
- Mail applications to: Fond du Lac Area Foundation

c/o Birky Challenge Scholarship Team Committee
384 N. Main Street – Suite 4
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY April 15.

All scholarship recipients will be notified by mail. Upon proof of continued enrollment, the scholarship check will be sent to the recipient, made payable jointly to the recipient and the college of their choice. Scholarship will be for tuition for a degree in Criminal Justice or towards Law Enforcement Recruit Academy.

WORK EXPERIENCE

List present and past employment and volunteer work experience beginning with your most recent job.

Name and Address of Company

Dates of Employment

Job Title and Duties Performed

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

300 words or less, typed on separate paper, and attached to application.
The following items are to be covered in this statement:

- Why you wish to pursue a career in Law Enforcement
- Your goals for the future
- What you have learned from community involvement or volunteer experience that will help you in a law enforcement career

SEND

1. COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM
2. CERTIFIED TRANSCRIPT
3. WRITTEN PERSONAL STATEMENT

TO:

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