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WOMEN IN FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

Women in Federal Law Enforcement (WIFLE) is an organization incorporated in June 1999 with a goal to achieve gender equity within federal law enforcement through the recruitment, retention and promotion of qualified women in law enforcement, and to develop an information-sharing and support network for all women in law enforcement.

In August 2004 the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics announced that as of June 2000, there were more than 88,000 full time personnel authorized to make arrests and carry firearms in the Federal government. Women represent only 14.8% of that workforce. There remains much to be done to achieve gender balance within the federal agencies. It is in the spirit of achieving this goal that WIFLE offers a scholarship.

THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose: Women in Federal Law Enforcement will offer a scholarship(s) to talented individual(s) to meet the demands in the field of law enforcement and to foster the professional development of those engaged in law enforcement. The dollar amount of each scholarship will be approximately \$2,000, but may vary based on numerous factors. Awards may be renewable on subsequent applications.

Eligibility: WIFLE scholarships are awarded on the basis of the student's academic potential, achievement and commitment to serving communities in the field of law enforcement. The scholarship is open to all eligible persons. To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must physically attend and:

- be a full-time student at an accredited four year college or university; or currently enrolled full time in a fully accredited community college with the intention of transferring to a four year degree;
- major in criminal justice or a related discipline, leading to a four year degree (students in graduate and postgraduate programs are also eligible; students pursuing Associate degrees are not eligible);
- have completed at least one full academic year of college work at an accredited college or university or community college;
- have a 3.0 overall grade point average;

- demonstrate a commitment to the community through a five-hundred word essay describing the community project you are involved in currently or within the last year and the results or impact to the community.
- have at least one community leader or members of a community or police official sponsor your application with a written statement of support.
- submit a completed application with the required information, 500 word essay, transcripts, and a recommendation letter from a community leader or police official.

Application: Information and applications are available through the Women In Federal Law Enforcement web site: at www.wifle.org and must be received by the Scholarship Coordinator by May 2, 2005. No extensions will be granted. Applications, which are incomplete or received after the deadline will not be considered. Letters of recommendation should be mailed with the application if possible, but in any case must be received prior to the deadline. Recipients and institutions will be notified by May 23, 2005, and awards will be mailed directly to the institution on the recipients' behalf. For answers to specific questions, contact WIFLE by e-mail at WIFLE@comcast.net. All applications are to be mailed to the attention of the Scholarship Coordinator at:

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Sincerely,



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