



**OTERO COUNTY LAW  
ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION  
COMMITTEE  
OCLEAC**

**College Scholarship  
Application 2020**

**Application due date: April 1, 2020**

***"Fostering and promoting appreciation, support, honor and respect for our police officers"***

**PURPOSE** The Otero County Law Enforcement Appreciation was established in 2014. The scholarship was established in 2018 for children of certified law enforcement officers in Otero County and those students who actively involve themselves in organizations & clubs that promote and support law enforcement. The mission of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to individuals that are enrolled in criminal justice study in community colleges, colleges and universities. The **OCLEAC** Scholarship principally targets first and second year academic students.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** is based on academic performance, leadership potential, and participation in criminal justice programs including but not limited to volunteer hours. Scholarships are awarded annually provided funds are available.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

The **OCLEAC** awards scholarships on the basis of a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include, but are not limited to the following: Academic Accomplishments, Community Service, References, Personal Essay and Financial Need. The OCLEAC pays scholarship funds directly to the recipient. Scholarships are awarded annually. The **OCLEAC** Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria.

### **CRITERIA**

- Applicants must be completing or have completed high school successfully with a minimum unweighted GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicants must be accepted as a full time student at a college, university or vocational school in New Mexico for the upcoming academic semester. If scholarship money is awarded, this is the only program that will receive the funds on behalf of the applicant.
- Applicants must be a resident of Otero County New Mexico and the United States.
- Parent(s) of applicant must be a certified law enforcement officer in Otero County, NM.
- Scholarship winners may be asked to supply a photograph of themselves.
- Applicants must complete and submit a Scholarship Application by **April 1, 2020**.

### **TIMELINE**

- Applications are due **April 1 of the current calendar year**.
- Candidates may be asked for an interview by the Scholarship Committee conducted in April.
- Applicants are notified if awarded a scholarship by April 22, 2020.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is April 1, 2020.
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.
4. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
5. You will be notified by phone or e-mail by April 22, 2020 regarding the status of your application.
6. If you have any questions about the application, email at [oteroleoappreciation@gmail.com](mailto:oteroleoappreciation@gmail.com)
7. Application can also be accessed on our website at [www.oterolea.org](http://www.oterolea.org)

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:**

- Completed application form.
- Official proof of academic standing.
- A letter of academic references from a guidance counselor or teacher.
- A letter completed reference from an employer or other community member.
- Proof of acceptance at an academic school for post-secondary studies.
- Parental employment verification from law enforcement agency in Otero County NM.  
If recently employed employment verification letter on employer's letterhead indicating start date.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

- Scholarships will be awarded on **May 2, 2020** at the annual *Otero County Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet*
- Award amounts will be distributed after all requirements are met.
- **OCLEAC Scholarship** – The **OCLEAC** offers scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to an Otero County college student pursuing a career course of study in any field. This scholarship will also be offered to students attending a vocational school.
- **NOTE: Recipients of each of these scholarships MAY be approved for subsequent awards via application renewal, proof of eligibility (minimum GPA and enrollment in a college, university or vocational school) and compliance with stated curriculum/degree plan.**

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**Must be postmarked or received by April 1, 2020. Please mail application to:**

**Otero County Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee  
Scholarship Program  
PO Box 636  
La Luz NM 88337  
[oteroleoappreciation@gmail.com](mailto:oteroleoappreciation@gmail.com)**

Please use additional paper if needed to fully supply the information needed.

Application 2020-must be filled out by applicant.

Please check one of the following: New Scholarship applicant _____ Repeat Scholarship Applicant _____
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Please <b>type on a separate sheet</b> or <b>print</b> your answers below. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.	
1	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2	Physical Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
3	Daytime Telephone Number: ( ) _____ Email address: _____
4	High School Attended or Attending: _____
5	I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall of 2020</u> : _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____
6	What classification will you enter school?    Freshman    Sophomore    Junior    Senior
7	Will you be a full time student?    Yes    No    How many hours will be carrying? _____
8	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA; your most recent <b>official</b> school transcript required.
9	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if you need more space. Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name: _____ Address: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Phone: _____ Name and Ages of Siblings: _____ _____ _____

10	<p>Which of the following family members is employed in Otero County Law Enforcement?</p> <p>Father      Mother      Grandfather      Grandmother      Other: _____</p> <p>Their Name: _____ Agency employed with: _____</p> <p>In what capacity are they employed? _____</p> <p>How long have they been employed in Otero County Law Enforcement? _____</p>				
11	<p>What specialty/major do you plan to major in as you continue your education?</p>				
12	<p>List the name of any college/vocational school you have attended</p>				
		Year Began	Year Ended	Year Graduated	Type of Degree Received
	<b>1.</b>				
	<b>2.</b>				
13	<p><b>SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:</b> Please list school extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.</p>				
14	<p><b>AREA OF STUDY:</b> What do you want to study and why?</p>				
15	<p><b>ORGANIZATIONS:</b> Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.</p>				
16	<p><b>RECOGNITIONS:</b> Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date.</p>				
17	<p><b>GOALS:</b> What are the short and long term goals for your life?</p>				

18	<b>NEED:</b> Please explain your need for the Otero County Law Enforcement Appreciation Scholarship.			
19	<b>CAREER PLANS:</b> What are your career plans and what would you like to be doing in 10 years?			
20	<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.</p> <p>B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)</p> <p>C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p>			
21	A.	YES	NO	<p><b>Two reference forms.</b>  Otero County Law Enforcement Appreciation Scholarship Committee  PO Box 636  La Luz NM 88337</p>
	B.	YES	NO	<p><b>Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment.</b>  A letter of college acceptance or program acceptance is required for receipt of funds.</p>
	C.	YES	NO	<p><b>Most recent high school or college transcript.</b></p>
	D.	YES	NO	<p><b>Answers to questions 1-21</b></p>

**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the Otero County Law Enforcement Appreciation Scholarship Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Scholarship Program by:

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I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**The deadline for this application to be received by  
Otero County Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is April 1, 2020.**