



THE OFFICER JOSHUA T. MIKTARIAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



END OF WATCH JULY 13, 2008

The Officer Joshua T. Miktarian Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to carry on Officer Joshua Miktarian's dedication to the field of Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement. Two scholarships are awarded on an annual basis to a graduating student from both Twinsburg High School and Tallmadge High School due to Officer Miktarian's link to both communities. Officer Miktarian proudly served the community of Twinsburg as a police officer for eleven years. Officer Miktarian was also a long-time resident of Tallmadge, graduating from Tallmadge High School in 1993.

Eligibility:

These scholarships are awarded to students who share Officer Miktarian's passion for service. Students applying must be pursuing a **LAW** related field of studies such as Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, Forensics, law school or a similar field of study at an accredited two-year or four-year institution and have achieved a minimum 2.5 accumulative GPA. The value of each scholarship is \$3,500. The scholarship is awarded to the students account once registration is completed.

Please read all the instructions on the application forms

Mail or Email completed forms and letter of recommendation to:

The Officer Joshua T. Miktarian Memorial Scholarship
Twinsburg Police Department
c/o Chief Noga
10075 Ravenna Road
Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

**Electronic .PDF/MS Word Submissions must be
emailed to Chief Noga at CNoga@twinsburg.oh.us**





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APPLICATION

Part I- General information:

Full Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

School Activities:

Community Activities:

Work Experience:

Cumulative GPA:

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature: (If applicant is under 18 YOA)

Date:



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Part II – Essay:

❖ Please tell us why you deserve the Officer Joshua T. Miktarian Memorial Scholarship after reading the following biography about him.



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Officer Joshua T. Miktarian joined the Twinsburg Police Department in February 1997 after briefly working for the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department and the Uniontown Police Department. In 2002, Josh was joined by his K-9 partner Bagio on patrol as the second canine team in the department's history.

Josh was a huge Cleveland sports fan who attended many Browns, Indians and Cavs games. He loved playing guitar and his band Barium played many venues in the Akron area. Josh was the officer in the Twinsburg Police Department who could always make everyone laugh no matter how bad a day that person was having. His impressions and pranks were legendary. As a police officer, Josh was fair but firm. He believed in giving people a second chance, most of the time when he stopped traffic offenders, he warned them and sent them on their way if they had no other issues.

Early in the morning of July 13, 2008, Officer Miktarian stopped a vehicle on Glenwood Drive just west of State Route 91 for a loud music violation and suspicion of drunk driving. Very shortly after calling in the license plate, Officer Miktarian requested backup. Seconds later, the Twinsburg Communications Center received a phone call from a resident who lived near where Officer Miktarian was conducting the traffic stop. The caller reported hearing loud yelling and loud popping noises coming from outside her residence.

Dispatchers immediately attempted to reach Officer Miktarian on the radio but received no response from him. Officers from several jurisdictions responded and upon arrival at the scene observed Officer Miktarian lying on the ground next to his cruiser with Bagio still inside the car. They discovered that Officer Miktarian had sustained multiple gunshot wounds to his head. He was flown to Metro Health Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. The suspect, who had fled the scene immediately after shooting Officer Miktarian, was apprehended a short time later by the Bedford Heights Police Department assisted by the Bedford Police Department.

Joshua T. Miktarian is the first police officer killed in the line of duty in the history of the Twinsburg Police Department and the first police officer to die in the line of duty in Summit County in almost 15 years.

The day after his death, over a thousand community members came together in front of the Twinsburg Government Center for a candlelight vigil. Several thousand police officers attended Josh's funeral, and many, many community members in Tallmadge, Munroe Falls, Stow, Hudson, Twinsburg and Oakwood Village lined the 20-mile long motorcade route.

Officer Miktarian is survived by his wife Holly, who served as an Oakwood Village officer, his baby daughter Thea, his mother, brother and sister and many loving family members and friends. We miss him greatly. Officer Joshua T. Miktarian is gone from this world, but he is never far from our hearts and our memories.



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The essay should elaborate on your desire to be a positive influence in the field of Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, or related field of study. Include any academic or career goals you may have and also include any accomplishments you have obtained or special interests you have that you feel may set you apart from the other applicants.

- *Use a separate sheet of paper for the essay. The essay must be a minimum of two pages and typed double-spaced, using 12pt Times New Roman with 1" margins.*

Part III – High School Transcript:

- ❖ Please include a copy of your high school transcript with the completed application.

Part IV – Letter of Recommendation:

- ❖ Please have a letter of recommendation prepared and submitted on your behalf by an individual who has had a positive impact on your life in some way. The letter writer must explain to the scholarship committee why you will benefit from this scholarship and how you will be a benefit to the field of Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement.
 - The letter of recommendation must include the writer's name, phone number, and address.
 - The writer may be contacted by the scholarship committee.
 - The writer cannot be a family member.
 - **The letter must be submitted directly to the scholarship committee by the writer on time.**

The contents of the letter of recommendation and application will be kept confidential according to any current and future laws regarding confidentiality.

Please list the name of the person writing the letter of recommendation:

Name:

Mail or drop off the completed application, essay, school transcripts and letter of recommendation addressed as follows:

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