SARASOTA COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #45

Scholarship Qualifications / Guidelines

Sarasota County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #45 will offer six $750.00 scholarships annually. The scholarships shall be awarded to graduating high school seniors or vocational school students intending to pursue a post high school education. Post high school would include college, university, trade school, law enforcement, nursing and the like (USA only). Scholarships will also include continuing education in a college or university provided that the student maintains a 2.50 GPA. Scholarship applicants must have graduated from a Florida high school.

1. The scholarship applicant must have a parent or grandparent who is a member, in good standing, of Sarasota FOP Lodge #45 for at least two years by the filing date of application. The applicant can be no older than 23. (Legally dependent children included)
2. The requirement for the scholarship is that the applicant writes an essay of at least 1500 words but no more than 2000 words. (Essay topic named below). The essay must contain research and the sources (at least three) must be cited correctly and noted in the paper. The reference page shall not count towards the word count. Applicants should be advised that ALL information submitted will be judged on content, grammar, spelling and overall appearance. The essay cannot be “handwritten” and any contestant using “WIKIPEDIA” will be disqualified.
3. The scholarship packet (application and essay) can be mailed or hand delivered to Lodge #45. If mailed:

 Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 45

 1532 US Hwy 41 Bypass South PMB 146

 Venice, FL 34293

If hand delivered, please notify a Lodge 45 board member of the applicant’s name and date you are leaving the packet at the lodge. Any hand delivered scholarship packet received after March 31st is deemed INELIGIBLE, regardless of the reason. Any mailed scholarship packet must be postmarked by March 31st. The lodge will allow two weeks for mail delivery (April 14th); any packet received after that

will also be deemed INELIGIBLE, regardless of the reason.

1. The individual’s signature on the application will ensure that he or she is the SOLE AUTHOR of the essay. The essay will not be considered without the application.
2. Three scholarships are earmarked for graduating high school seniors; the remaining three will be for students in continuing education (already in college). If more or less applications are received in either category, adjustments will be made so that all six scholarships are awarded to qualifying candidates. No individual can apply for more than four scholarships from Lodge 45 Sarasota County FOP.
3. Applicants who have served in the military or peace corp, etc, after graduating from high school, and are now applying for college or university, will be treated as “graduating high school students”.
4. All scholarships will be delivered to the college or university the student has selected to attend. Funds are available using the “student I.D. # at your college. Be sure to include your student I.D. # on the Scholarship Application.

2019 Essay Title

**“The Florida Stand Your Ground Law, should it be Repealed, Amended, or Stand as Written?” You must support your position. Applicants will defend their position with valid factual data.**