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NEWS RELEASE

FROM: Tom Ridnour, Sheriff of Kit Carson County

RE: COUNTY SHERIFFS OF COLORADO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Sheriff Tom Ridnour announced today that County Sheriffs of Colorado, Inc. (CSOC), the state Sheriffs Association, will award a \$500 scholarship to a deserving Kit Carson County student next spring. CSOC established the scholarship program in 1978. Since then, this effort has continued as a meaningful expression of the sheriffs' confidence in and respect for education and training. CSOC considers this an investment in the future and believes that our membership is helping to provide deserving students with an opportunity to make a positive contribution to society.

Scholarship announcements have been mailed to all high school offices in the eligible counties and to all Colorado higher education institutions. Applications are available online at www.csoc.org, or at the Kit Carson County Sheriff's office, which is located at 251 16th Street, Suite 103 Burlington, CO 80807. Applications are due by February 23, 2018 by 4:30pm.

Sheriff Tom Ridnour explained that this is the 39th year that County Sheriffs of Colorado has made such scholarships available. A scholarship will be awarded in more than thirty Colorado counties this year. Applications will be reviewed by a local citizens committee appointed by Sheriff Tom Ridnour and a selection will be made on the basis of criteria established by CSOC. This criterion includes leadership, merit, character, involvement and career purpose.

Any legal permanent resident of Kit Carson County enrolled in, or applying to, a vocational training program or institution of higher learning in the State of Colorado as a full- or part-time student is eligible to apply. There are no restrictions as to the course of study or training which may be pursued, and no restrictions are placed upon applications by reason of race, creed, age, sex or national origin.

For more information, contact your local high school, college, the Kit Carson County Sheriff's office or County Sheriffs of Colorado.