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Illinois Sheriffs' Association Awards Scholarships to 121 Students Across Illinois for 2026–2027 Academic Year

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — The Illinois Sheriffs' Association (ISA) is proud to announce the recipients of its 2026–2027 College Scholarship Program, awarding financial assistance to 121 students representing counties across the State of Illinois.

Now in its 47th year, the ISA scholarship program continues to recognize and support students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, community involvement, and strong character. These scholarships help students pursue higher education at accredited colleges, universities, and trade schools throughout Illinois.

“This scholarship program is about more than financial support, it’s about investing in the future of our communities,” said ISA Executive Director Jim Kaitschuk. “These students have demonstrated the kind of dedication, leadership, and character that will serve them, and our state well in the years ahead. We are proud to stand behind them as they pursue their education and begin shaping the future of Illinois.”

Since its inception in 1979, the program has served as a meaningful partnership between local sheriffs and their communities, reinforcing the belief that education is a cornerstone of public service and long-term community success.

For the 2026–2027 academic year, the Illinois Sheriffs' Association will award more than \$62,000 in scholarships, made possible through the continued support of county sheriffs and the ISA Citizen and Business Membership Programs. These funds are distributed statewide, with scholarships awarded at the county level based on participation and community support.

Each scholarship is designed to assist students with the cost of tuition, books, and academic fees, helping reduce financial barriers and expand access to higher education.

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association extends its sincere appreciation to its Citizen and Business Members whose ongoing support makes this program and many others possible. Their

investment not only supports individual students but also strengthens communities across Illinois.

For more information about the Illinois Sheriffs' Association scholarship program, including application details and eligibility requirements, visit:

www.ilsheriff.org/youth-2/

About the Illinois Sheriffs' Association

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the Office of Sheriff and improving public safety across the state. Through community-based programs, training, and advocacy, the Association works to strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve.