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TNSRO

PO Box 2232

Shelbyville, TN 37162

Tennessee Association of School Resource Officers' Scholarship

Qualifications

Current high school senior, resident of Tennessee, continuing his/her education within one year of high school graduation

Dependent of a TNSRO member

Graduate from a Tennessee Public/Private High School

Minimum of 2.5 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)

Score of 17 or better on ACT (highlight ACT score on transcript)

500 word essay: "Ways I Would Improve School Safety"

Notification of acceptance at a chosen learning center

2 Letters of recommendation

Each application will be carefully reviewed for appropriate accreditation of the learning center/program chosen by the applicant. The scholarship check will be written to the post-secondary learning center of choice upon proof of enrollment documentation presented to TNSRO Treasurer. The funds must be used within one year of high school graduation.

- All materials submitted become property of TNSRO and likely will *not* be returned to the applicant.
- The decision of the TNSRO Scholarship Committee is final.

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Application

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

High School Attended: _____

Year of Graduation: _____ Grade Point Average: _____ ACT Score: _____

Name of learning center _____ Location _____

Program/Chosen Major _____

Beginning (check one) Fall _____ Spring _____ Year _____

Clubs, Sports, Activities, public/community service, or work experience (Please include dates & calculate hours monthly (resume may be attached))

Essay attached entitled "Ways I Would Improve School Safety"

Please check each blank ensuring a completed application:

_____ Transcript attached _____ Cumulative GPA highlighted

_____ ACT score highlighted _____ Completed essay attached

_____ Two letters of recommendation attached

_____ Notification of acceptance at learning center attached

Name of TNSRO Member _____ Organization _____

_____ Student Signature Date _____

Scholarship Scoring Criteria

1. Grade Point Average--Multiply the cumulative grade point average by 2
(Example $2.75 \times 2 = 5.5$ points)
2. ACT--The ACT score displayed and highlighted is awarded 3 to 5 points using the scale below:

17-20	3 points
21-23	4 points
24-28	5 points
29-32	4 points
33-36	3 points

3. Extra-curricular or work experience--Some students choose to or are forced by economics to work, some commit to public/community service, and some engage in extracurricular school activities. Each choice has its own merits and scoring is based on the amount of hours committed to the endeavor monthly.

4-10 hours monthly	2 points
10-20 hours monthly	3 points
20+ hours monthly	4 points
4. Essay--The essay should be double spaced with no more than 500 words. The subject is "Ways I Would Improve School Safety." Scores of 3-5 can be given based on content, originality, and grammar.
5. Recommendations--Each recommendation receives a separate score ranging from 1-3 points. Scores should be based on the level of familiarity and quality of the character traits recognized.
6. Properly completed application--This is a yes or no opportunity to earn what is essentially a bonus point. Receiving this point demonstrates the candidate's ability to follow instructions. Additionally this will allow the more rapid processing and scoring applications.

The chairman will score items 1, 2, 3, and 6. Committee members need only score 4 and 5.

Scholarship Score Sheets

Candidate _____

Scorer _____

____ GPA

*Points equal GPA x 2
(Ex. 2.65 = 5.3 points)

____ ACT

17-20	3 points
21-23	4 points
24-28	5 points
29-32	4 points
33-36	3 points

____ Extra-curricular or work experience

4-10 hrs. per month	2 points
10-20	3 points
20+	4 points

____ Essay

Fair	3 points
Good	4 points
Excellent	5 points

____ Recommendation 1

Fair	1 point
Good	2 points
Excellent	3 points

____ Recommendation 2

Fair	1 point
Good	2 points
Excellent	3 points

____ Properly completed application
(Includes highlighting GPA and ACT)

No	0 points
Yes	1 point

____ Total

Maximum of 29 points*

(*NOTE: Maximum points are contingent on high school's maximum GPA)

Scholarship Committee Guidelines

January 15 --The scholarship information and application should be accessible on the TNSRO website.

January 15 - February 15--Each high school SRO should promote the scholarship program and coordinate the process with school counselor(s).

February 15--Students should submit the application to the school counselor.

February 15 - March 15--School counselor reviews the applications for accuracy. The school counselor or the applicant should submit the applications to TNSRO at PO Box 2232, Shelbyville, TN 37162, postmarked no later than March 15.

March 15 - May 1--Committee reviews the applications and makes selections.

During the month of May--announcements/awarding of scholarships to recipients

Committee shall be composed of two middle and two elementary school officers.

To minimize committee time, prior to committee evaluation of applications the chairperson should complete the following tasks:

1. Separate applications into divisions--East, Middle, & West Tennessee--A total of 3 Scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded, one in each grand division
2. Sanitize these copies (all identifying information removed: i.e., names, etc.) and issue an identifying code. Retain original packages for identification.
3. Do preliminary scoring for each application. Preliminary scoring includes GPA points, ACT, extra-curricular/work experience, and properly completed points.

When the Committee meets:

1. Scorers review the packet essay and both recommendations, assigning scores for these three areas.
2. Scorers then tally the score on each of their packages and turn only the score sheets in to the committee leader.
3. Final scores of each candidate are then tallied and selections made.