Sheryl A. Horak Law Enforcement Explorer Memorial Scholarship

In 1985, 15-year-old Sheryl Ann Horak joined Bettendorf Police Department Explorer Post No. 9611 in Iowa. She participated in a wide range of post activities over the next two years, rising to the rank of lieutenant. On April 25, 1987, while participating in a post activity, Sheryl was shot and killed by a deranged individual. On August 14, 1987, a fund was created by Lt. Kim Adamson of the West Valley City, Utah, police department to memorialize Sheryl's contribution to law enforcement Explorers and to honor her goal to serve as a law enforcement professional. The Sheryl A. Horak Memorial Endowment was instituted to provide scholarship opportunities to law enforcement Explorers who demonstrate superior potential as career law enforcement executives.

The Award

This merit-based award involves a \$1,000, one-time scholarship. The number of scholarships awarded depends upon the yield of the endowment. The award also includes a plaque and pin. The recognition will be presented at the national law enforcement explorer conference or a local ceremony.

Who is Eligible

Any law enforcement Explorer who is at least in the 12th grade may apply. Candidates will be evaluated according to their academic record, leadership ability, extracurricular activities, and personal statement on "Why I want to pursue a career in law enforcement."

Application Process

The candidate should complete the application, being careful to secure the certification of the

- Post Advisor
- · Head of the participating organization
- · Learning for Life representative

They should then submit

- Three letters of recommendation (at least two from people outside of law enforcement)
- A 500-word (minimum) essay on "Why I want to pursue a career in law enforcement"
- A transcript of his/her high school record (if in college, submit both college and high school transcripts)
- A black-and-white glossy photo (preferably in uniform) for publicity purposes in the event of selection

Deadline

The original and a copy of the completed <u>application</u> and supporting materials must be received *no later than March 31*. Send applications to

National Law Enforcement Scholarships and Awards 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane P.O. Box 152079 Irving, TX 75015-2079

Sheryl A. Horak Law Enforcement Explorer Memorial Scholarship <u>Application</u>

Part I: Personal Data

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	first	middle	;		last	1		
Str	eet address							
City					StateZip			
Ag	e on March 31, (year)	Date of birth_	email			
Fat	her's name				_Mother's name			
Gu	ardian's name							
Pai	rt II: Education	al Data						
Hig	gh school or colle	ge: Class y	ou will b	e in April				
Sch	School name				_Class rank		_ Class size	
Gra	nde-point average	;		(Attac	h official transcript	t or transcripts	.)	
Naı	me of school or o	ollege you	plan to a	ttend				
Ad	dress			City		State_	Zip	
Wh	at type of degree	or certific	ation do y	ou plan to work to	oward?			
Но	w many years wi	ll this take	as a full-	time student?				
Pai	rt III: Qualifica	tions						
1.	Major field of i	nterest						
2.	What previous experience in law enforcement, law, or criminal justice have you had? (Give full details, including							
	dates, locations, period in field, and project objectives.)							
3.	List school and community organizations in which you are or have been active. (Indicate those you are active in							
	now.)							
4.	List leadership positions you have held in your Explorer post, clubs, or other organizations. Indicate those p							ositions.
5.	List important	awards or	recognit	ions you have re	eceived, the organiz	zations that pr	esented them, and	the year
	received.							
6.	Please attach to	this app	lication a	statement of at	least 500 words or	ı "Why I wan	t to pursue a care	er in law

7. Letters of recommendation are to be included with this nomination form. Most appropriately, one letter should come from each of the following: (1) school or community official, (2) post leader, and (3) law or law enforcement official

other than your post Advisor. These letters should attest to your candidacy for this scholarship.

Part IV: Certification

Applicant's Signature

am presently in good health and know of no personal or physical limitation that would prevent my full participation in a career in law enforcement, law, or criminal justice. I know of no reason why the school or college listed above would not accept me as a full-time student. And, I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing facts in this application
SignatureDate
Parent's/Guardian's Waiver
as parent or guardian, am willing and desirous that my son or daughter apply for a Sheryl A. Horak Law Enforcement Explorer Memorial Scholarship. In consideration of the benefits derived from this honor, if accepted, I hereby voluntarily waive any claim against Learning for Life, the post, and its participating organization and leaders for any and all causes hat may arise in connection with the activities of the above organization. It is my understanding that my son or daughter plans to attend a school or college to work toward a career in law enforcement, law, or criminal justice.
SignatureDate
Endorsement of Post Advisor
This is to certify that the applicant is a member in good standing of Explorer Post No
Participating organization
Advisor's signatureDate
Telephone (area code)
Learning for Life Certification
This applicant is a participating Explorer. We approve of his or her application for a Sheryl A. Horak Law Enforcement Explorer Memorial Scholarship.
Learning for Life representative's signatureDate
Eqwpekil%cpf 'Title Telephone
Learning for Life headquarters city
Part V: Public Relations Data
Local newspapercity
name city Local radio/TV

Submit a black-and-white glossy photo (such as a passport photo) for publicity purposes in the event of selection.