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>

Pa	rt I: Personal Data						
Na	me first			T	elephone		
	first	middle		last			
Str	eet address						
Cit	ty			S1	tate	_Zip	
Ag	ge on March 31, (yea	ır)	Date of birth	email			
Fat	ther's name			_Mother's name			
Gu	ardian's name						
Pa	rt II: Educational l	Data					
Hig	gh school or college	: Class you will	be in April				
Scł	School name			_Class rank		Class size	
Gra	ade-point average		(Attac	h official transcript	or transcripts	s.)	
Na	me of school or coll	ege you plan to	attend				
Ad	ldress		City		State	Zip	
Wł	hat type of degree or	certification do	you plan to work to	oward?			
Но	w many years will t	his take as a full	-time student?				
Pa	rt III: Qualification	ns					
1.	Major field of inter	rest					
2.	What previous exp	perience in law	enforcement, law, o	or criminal justice h	ave you had?	? (Give full details, includi	
	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 positions						
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5.	List important aw	ards or recogn	itions you have re	ceived, the organization	ations that p	resented them, and the ye	
	received.						
6.	Please attach to t	his application	a statement of at	east 500 words on	"Why I wan	nt to pursue a career in la	
	enforcement."	11			5	1	
7.	Letters of recomm	endation are to	be included with thi	s nomination form. 1	Most appropr	iately, one letter should con	
	from each of the fo	ollowing: (1) sch	nool or community of	official, (2) post lead	ler, and (3) la	w or law enforcement offic	
	other than your po	st Advisor. Thes	se letters should atte	st to your candidacy	for this schol	larship.	

Part IV: Certification

Applicant's Signature

I 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

Parent's/Guardian's Waiver

I, 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 that 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.

Signature	Date
Endorsement of Post Advisor	
This is to certify that the applicant is a member in good sta	nding of Explorer Post No.
Participating organization	
Advisor's signature	Date
Telephone (area code)	
Learning for Life Certification	
This applicant is a participating Explorer. We approve of Explorer Memorial Scholarship.	his or her application for a Sheryl A. Horak Law Enforcement
Learning for Life representative's signature	Date
Eqwpeki%cpf 'Title	Telephone
Learning for Life headquarters city	
Part V: Public Relations Data	
Local newspaper	city
Local radio/TV call letter	S

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