



2026 ACTIVE PPOA MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP

This one-time \$2,000 award is named in honor of Dennis Porter (LASD retired), who founded LASD University. PPOA shares the goals of the university and established this scholarship to enhance personal and professional growth; promote a lifelong commitment to learning; and enable PPOA members to better serve the community.

CRITERIA

The following criteria will be considered for scholarship: academic achievement, community service, work experience and essay.

Eligible Applicants

Applicant must be an active, full dues-paying PPOA member in good standing. Active members are those on active duty with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office or Department of Medical Examiner from any classification in a bargaining unit represented by PPOA.

Requirements

- Applicant must submit typed 500-750 word essay, double-spaced essay in 12-point font, based on the following:

Modern law enforcement is facing a critical workforce junction, struggling with recruitment and retention. As a member of a law enforcement family, what do you believe is the most significant hurdle in attracting the next generation of officers? Propose one innovative policy or cultural shift that could help restore the prestige of the profession and ensure long-term retention in today's polarized environment.

Do not include personal identification information in essay. Please also note that plagiarism, including AI-generated responses, is prohibited.

- Applicant must complete and submit application.
- Applicant must submit copy of current college or university transcripts.
- Applicant must submit resume detailing community service and work experience. (Please do not include your name on the resume.)
- Applicant must submit proof of registration at accredited college or university.
- Applicant must not have previously been awarded a PPOA academic scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee will review all eligible scholarship applications and select the recipients.

Winning applicants will be notified in writing.

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PPOA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Active PPOA Member Information:

Name: _____ Employee number: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Unit of assignment: _____

Personal email address _____

College or university currently attending: _____

Applicant Signature

Date

THE SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS APRIL 17, 2026. ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION (APPLICATION, TRANSCRIPT, RESUME, ESSAY) MUST BE RECEIVED VIA EMAIL OR U.S. MAIL BY THE DATE ABOVE. ALL EMAIL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE PDF DOCUMENTS. PLEASE REMOVE APPLICANT NAME FROM RESUME AND ESSAY. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

**Applications can be emailed to *info@ppoa.com* (subject line: PPOA Scholarship) or sent via U.S. mail to:
PPOA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
188 E. Arrow Highway
San Dimas, CA 91773
(800) 747-PPOA**

Please verify that all four documents are included:

Application

Transcript

Resume

Essay