

**Law Enforcement Officers' Dependents Scholarship**  
**Arkansas Department Of Higher Education (ADHE)**  
**114 East Capitol, Little Rock, AR 72201-3818**  
**PHONE: (501) 371-2050 or (800) 547-8839**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Law Enforcement Officers' Dependents Scholarship Program provides an eight (8) semester scholarship at any state-supported college, university or technical institute in Arkansas to the spouse/child of any Arkansas covered employee (see list below) who was killed or permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty. The scholarship will pay the cost of tuition, certain mandatory fees, and a room in school-owned housing, but does not cover the cost of books, food, school supplies and materials, or fees for extracurricular activities.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- I. To be eligible for the Law Enforcement Officers' Dependents Scholarship, the student must be a natural child, adopted child, stepchild, or spouse of a covered employee as defined below:
  - A. A law enforcement officer means:
    1. State highway patrolman, which includes any law enforcement officer, regardless of department or bureau, of the Department of Arkansas State Police;
    2. Municipal and college or university police officers, which includes all law enforcement officers of any municipality, college, or university who are regular duty personnel on full-time status and does not include auxiliary officers or those serving on a temporary or part-time status;
    3. Sheriff or deputy sheriff, which includes all law enforcement officers of full-time status on a regular basis serving the sheriff's department of any county located in Arkansas, but does not include deputy sheriffs who are engaged in administrative or civil duty or deputy sheriffs serving on a temporary capacity or part-time basis;
    4. Constable, which includes all duly elected constables of any beat of any county within the State of Arkansas while actually engaged in the performance of their duties concerning the criminal laws of the county and state; and,
  - B. A fireman means any fireman employed on a full-time or volunteer duty status while actually engaged in the performance of his or her duties.
  - C. A state highway employee means an Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department employee who actively engages in highway maintenance, construction, or traffic operations on the roadways and bridges of the state highway system while the roadways and bridges are open for use by the traveling public.
  - D. A state forestry employee means an employee of the State Forestry Commission who is actively engaged in his or her duties of fighting forest fires.
  - E. A state correction employee means any employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Correction School District who becomes subject to injury through contact with inmates or parolees or the department.
  - F. A state park employee means any employee of the State Parks Division of the Department of Parks and Tourism who is a commissioned law enforcement officer or emergency response employee while actively engaged in the performance of his or her duties.
  - G. A qualified emergency services worker means state, local, volunteer, as defined in 12-75-103 (13).
  - H. An emergency medical technician means emergency medical technicians as defined in subdivision (6) of 20-13-202.

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**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (Continued)**

- I. A community punishment employee means any employee of the Department of Community Punishment who suffers fatal injuries or wounds or becomes permanently and totally disabled as a result of injuries or wounds which occurred through contact with parolees, probationers, or center residents.
- J. A wildlife enforcement officer means any employee of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission who actively engages, on a full- or part-time basis, in the enforcement of the boating safety laws and regulations enacted for the protection of game, fish, furbearing animals, and other wildlife of the State of Arkansas.
- II. A child must have been born prior to the date of the death or total and permanent disability.
- III. An adopted child must have been adopted prior to or the adoption process must have begun prior to the date of the death or total and permanent disability.
- IV. A stepchild must have been listed as a dependent on the federal and state income tax returns in each of the five (5) income tax years immediately prior to the death or total and permanent disability.
- V. The applicant must be less than twenty-three (23) years old on or before the first day of the semester or quarter, unless the applicant is a spouse.
- VI. The applicant must be a bona fide resident of Arkansas, as defined by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, six (6) months prior to enrollment in an Arkansas institution.
- VII. The applicant must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as an undergraduate student in any state-supported college, university or technical institute. The scholarship will be awarded for one academic year and renewed annually up to three years (for a total of 8 semesters) as long as the student is pursuing a Bachelor's degree, Associate degree, certificate or diploma.
- VIII. Enrollment in a summer session will count as one-half (1/2) a semester towards the total eight (8) semesters of assistance authorized. Enrollment for less than full-time status (less than 12 semester hours) in any other semester will count as a full semester for these purposes.
- IX. The spouse will not be eligible for education benefits if he/she remarries. The benefits will cease at the end of the semester in which the spouse is currently enrolled at the time of the marriage.

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

To apply for the Law Enforcement Officers' Dependents Scholarship, a student must submit a completed application by the deadline listed below, along with the following documentation providing eligibility, to ADHE:

- 1. A Death Certificate;
- 2. An Order of Finding of Facts from the Arkansas State Claims Commission [(501) 682-1619];
- 3. A copy of his or her Birth Certificate, if a dependent child; and,
- 4. A copy of his or her Marriage License, if a spouse.

**PAYMENT POLICIES**

Payment to the scholarship recipient will be in the form of a tuition and fee waiver to the recipient's institution. The Arkansas Department of Higher Education will reimburse the institution at the beginning of each semester for approved charges. Reimbursement can only be made for the year in which the student is currently enrolled and has made application.

**DEADLINE APPLICATION**

The completed application and supporting documentation must be received by **AUGUST 1** for the Fall Term; **DECEMBER 1** for the Spring/Winter Terms; **MAY 1** for Summer I Term; and **JULY 1** for Summer II Term.

**MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION & DOCUMENTATION TO:**

<p><b>ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' DEPENDENTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 114 EAST CAPITOL LITTLE ROCK, AR 72201-3818</b></p>
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**If you have questions, call (501) 371-2050 or toll free (800) 547-8839, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
KEEP THIS SHEET FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' (LEO) DEPENDENTS  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME (First, Middle, Last) SOCIAL SECURITY # DATE OF BIRTH
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
PRESENT ADDRESS (Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code) (Phone #)
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
PERMANENT ADDRESS (Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code) (Phone #)

**CHECK ONE FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:**

4. **CITIZENSHIP:** U.S. Citizen \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Resident Alien\* \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\*If Permanent Resident Alien, you must attach your resident alien form I-151 , I-551 or other documents may be accepted.
5. **ARKANSAS RESIDENT:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. (Optional) **SEX:** Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_
7. (Optional) **RACE:** White, Non-Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_ Black, Non-Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic \_\_\_\_\_  
American Indian or Alaskan Native \_\_\_\_\_ Asian or Pacific Islander \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name of Arkansas Public College, University or Technical Institute you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Classification when you enter College/University: Freshman \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_\_
10. Date you will enter College/University \_\_\_\_\_
11. Name of Parent/Spouse under whose eligibility you are filing: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Name of Parent's/Spouse's Employer at the time of his/her death: \_\_\_\_\_
13. All applicants must enclose a copy of the Death Certificate of the parent/spouse who was killed in the line of duty and an Order of Finding of Facts from the Arkansas State Claims Commission. Dependent children must submit a copy of their Birth Certificate; a spouse must submit a copy of his/her Marriage License.

**STUDENT'S SIGNATURE**

I certify that the information submitted on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand the Law Enforcement Officers' Dependents' Scholarship pays for only eight (8) semesters at any state-supported college, university or technical institute and that reimbursement will be paid to the institution at the beginning of each semester.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Awards for the Law Enforcement Officers' (LEO) Dependents Scholarship Program, as for all financial aid programs administered by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, are dependent on the availability of funds. While it is not anticipated, it is possible that a reduction in state revenues could reduce the funds available for this program. Should such a situation occur, the Department of Higher Education will determine the most equitable means of reducing funding and all individuals affected will be immediately notified. When submitting documentation to ADHE, please keep evidence of the mailing, such as a return receipt requested, certified mail receipt, document tracking form, etc.