

Wisconsin Trooper Memorial Scholarship Information

2021-2022 Academic School Year



The Wisconsin Trooper's Benevolent Foundation offers seven (7) \$1,000 scholarships in honor of State Troopers that have been killed in the line of duty in the history of the Wisconsin State Patrol. For more information about these our Fallen Heroes, please visit the memorial tribute section of the www.wisconsintrooper.org website. In establishing these scholarships, we honor the memory of our fallen brothers and sisters by helping applicants with their post-secondary education and promote service to the citizens of our great state. If you are applying for a scholarship, please indicate by checking the line of the Trooper scholarship you are most interested in receiving. Otherwise, if you are an overall recipient of a scholarship and have not made a selection, you will be assigned a Trooper scholarship.

___ Trooper Donald C. Pederson (End of Watch: 8-26-1972)

Trooper Pederson was shot and killed in an ambush by a 16-year-old boy. Trooper Pederson had been dispatched to an accident scene and upon arrival located a vehicle in a ditch. As he approached the vehicle the boy, who was hiding at the front of the vehicle, opened fire and fatally wounded Trooper Pederson. The suspect fled but was later apprehended and sentenced to life. It was determined that Trooper Pederson had issued the boy a citation earlier in the evening, but the boy refused to give a motive as to why he ambushed him.

Trooper Pederson had served with the Wisconsin State Patrol for 6 years and was assigned to District 3. Before that, he had been a police officer in Rhinelander. Donald was 31 years old when he was murdered. Trooper Pederson is greatly missed by all members of the Wisconsin State Patrol.

___ Trooper Gary Powless (End of Watch: 5-18-1980)

Trooper Gary Powless was killed when his cruiser was struck by a tractor trailer. He had just picked up the new cruiser and was heading home. A tractor trailer heading the opposite direction blew out a tire, crossed the median, and struck the patrol car. Trooper Powless succumbed to his injuries while emergency crews attempted to extricate him from the wreckage.

Trooper Powless had served with the Wisconsin State Patrol for 1 year and was assigned to District 5. Gary was 31 years old when he was killed and is survived by his wife and two children. Trooper Powless is greatly missed by all members of the Wisconsin State Patrol.

___ Trooper Deborah M. McMEnamin (End of Watch: 10-26-1989)

Trooper McMEnamin was struck by a vehicle and killed by a passing vehicle while making a traffic stop. She was struck as she was returning to her patrol car after speaking to the driver of the car she stopped.

She attended the State Patrol Academy in 1985 and started as a trooper in the Waukesha District. She later transferred to the Tomah area and then to the Eau Claire area. Trooper McMEnamin was 31 years old at the time of her death and was married with a son. Trooper McMEnamin is greatly missed by all members of the Wisconsin State Patrol.

___ Trooper William Schoenberger (End of Watch: 4-22-1989)

Trooper William Schoenberger succumbed to injuries sustained when his patrol car was struck by a tractor trailer on I-94. He had positioned his patrol car in the right lane of the interstate to block traffic as the local fire department attempted to extinguish a car fire.

The trucker who caused the accident was convicted of homicide by negligent operation of a vehicle and was sentenced to three years of probation and 500 hours of community service.

Trooper Schoenberger joined the Wisconsin State Patrol in 1984 and spent all of his 8-1/2 years in the Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls area. At the time of his death, he was 31 years old and was married with one daughter. Trooper Schoenberger is greatly missed by all members of the Wisconsin State Patrol.

___ Trooper Jorge Dimas (End of Watch: 6-14-2009)

Trooper Jorge Dimas succumbed to automobile accident injuries sustained May 9, 2009 while on patrol on State Highway 35 near Frederic, Wisconsin. Trooper Dimas was in pursuit of a traffic violator when his patrol car was broadsided by another vehicle.

Trooper Dimas had served with the Wisconsin State Patrol for only eleven months. Trooper Dimas began his career with the Wisconsin State Patrol July 20, 2008. He graduated as a member of the 57th Recruit Class in December 2008 and accepted his first assignment as a Trooper on Polk County. At the time of his death he was 23 years old. Trooper Dimas is survived by his loving family, a fiancée, and his son. He is greatly missed by all members of the Wisconsin State Patrol.

___ Trooper Trevor Casper (End of Watch: 3/24/2015)

Trooper Casper was shot and killed while heroically apprehending a man wanted for homicide and robbery. Prior to being fatally injured, Trooper Casper was able to return fire and kill the criminal. There is little doubt that Trooper Casper's heroic actions saved more lives.

Trevor was born in Sheboygan and he graduated from Keil High School in 2011. and he graduated from Kiel High School with the class of 2011. After graduation from high school he attended Lakeshore Technical College, graduating in May 2014 with a degree in Criminal Justice. Trevor fulfilled his dream by continuing his education at the State Patrol Academy in July, graduating on December 8, 2014.

Trooper Casper had served with the Wisconsin State Patrol for 1 year and was assigned to the Northeast Region. Trevor was 21 years old when he was murdered. Trooper Casper is greatly missed by all members of the Wisconsin State Patrol.

___ Trooper Anthony J. Borostowski (End of Watch: 4-11-2017)

Trooper Borostowski succumbed to the injuries he received in a motor vehicle accident while on duty. He grew up in the Oak Creek area of Milwaukee and graduated from Oak Creek High School in 2001. He enlisted in the Army National Guard. He was a former military combat medic and taught first aid to new cadets at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy and members of the State Patrol during their certification/recertification processes. He graduated from the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy's 60th Recruit Class. He was 34 years old with 3 years of duty. Trooper Borostowski is greatly missed by all members of the Wisconsin State Patrol.

___ No preference for Trooper Scholarship

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Wisconsin Trooper Memorial Scholarship Application



Last _____ First _____ M. I. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth: _____

Applicant's Home Phone Number: _____

Applicant's Relationship to DSP Employee or Retiree: _____

Current School Attending: _____ School

Address: _____ School Year You

Plan to Attend: _____

Name of University/Technical College: _____

Address of School: _____

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Signed and Dated Agreement Form
3. **Official** High School/Post School Transcripts (Note: Official transcripts may be sent directly to the Director of Scholarships).
4. Acceptance Letter from the school you will be/are attending
5. Essay on your goals for the future (signed and dated by applicant).
6. One (1) Letter of Recommendation (i.e. Teacher, Clergy; signed and dated by author of recommendation).

Note: It is recommended that you consult the scholarship guidelines, rules, and scoring information before you submit your application package. If any rules need clarification, please don't hesitate to contact the Scholarship Director.

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The Wisconsin Trooper Memorial Scholarship

Memorial Scholarship Rules

1. Seven (7) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in memory of the seven Wisconsin State Troopers killed in the Line of Duty. Three categories for scholarship selection will include technical school (two applicants selected), college/university (three applicants selected), and graduate school (two applicants selected). The applicants with the highest score in each of the three categories will be selected for the seven (7) scholarships. If there are not the designated number of applicants in the technical and graduate school categories, additional scholarships will be awarded to the college/university category. In the event of a tie, the applicant with the highest score on the essay portion of the scoring will receive the scholarship.

2. Qualified applicants include Division of State Patrol and Department of Transportation employees and retirees, children, grandchildren, and spouses. Fiancés and live-in partners are not eligible to apply.

3. The applicant must provide proof of enrollment from the school he/she is currently attending or plans on attending. No home study courses will be accepted.

4. All applications must be mailed directly to the following address:

Director of Scholarships
28175 Epic Ave
Tomah, WI 54660

All applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2021. No applications will be accepted unless postmarked or handed directly to the Scholarship Director by April 1, 2021. Applications may not be placed in the Director's mailbox unless those specific arrangements have been approved in advance by the Director of Scholarships. The April 1, 2021 deadline still applies to un-postmarked application packets. The Director will sign and date and time the envelope the application packet arrives in. All applicants will be notified of their selection status by mail. Awarding of the Scholarship may occur at the recipient's school award ceremony and presented by a member of the Wisconsin State Patrol.

5. Selection Committee and Criteria: The Director of Scholarships will appoint an independent committee which will be responsible for selecting the applicants to receive the scholarships. The decision of the selection committee will be final and binding. The selection committee will base its selection on the following criteria:

a. **Scholastic Aptitude** (40% or 120 possible points): This category includes grades and the difficulty of coursework. Transcripts must be an official document generated by the school. In most cases the official transcript includes the Registrar's signature, the school seal, and/or printed on watermark paper. When submitting your application packet, this official transcript

may be sent directly from your school registrar to the Director of Scholarships. All other documents should be included in the application packet.

Note: High school seniors should provide their official high school transcripts. Applicants who have completed their first year of college should provide official high school transcripts as well as current official college transcripts. It is understood that the present spring semester grades may not be posted to the transcript. All transcripts must be original, with the school seal and original signature of the issuer.

b. Essay (35% or 105 possible points): This category includes personal and career goals; leadership and character; extracurricular, volunteer, and community service activities; and format. The essay must be signed and dated by the applicant. Previous applicants should be sure to update their examples as these activities evolve over time or new activities occur.

c. Letter of Recommendation (20% or 60 possible points): The letter of recommendation should be written by a teacher or administrator, community leader, or other person who knows you and can describe your academic accomplishments (transcript is not enough), leadership and character qualities, and your extracurricular, volunteer, and community service activities. Your letter of recommendation should include examples that speak to the academic and extracurricular, volunteer, and community service activities and/or accomplishments including identifying your leadership and character qualities. This individual should indicate the level of recommendation he/she is giving you (low, high, strong, exceptional, etc.) based on his/her perception of your ability to succeed.

This category includes points for the author of the recommendation; the description of academic accomplishments; the description of leadership and character qualities; the description of extracurricular, volunteer, and community service activities; and the strength of the recommendation. Examples of these criteria should be included. The recommendation must be signed and dated by the author.

d. Overall Strength and Inspiration of the Packet (5% or 15 possible points): This category includes the overall content of the packet and the content's influence, understandability, and inspiration.

Note: All applicants are encouraged to look at the attached *Instructions for Scholarship Rating; Scholarship Rating Sheet; and Scholarship Scoring Sheet* for rating emphasis and content requirements. Please share this information with your reference author so he/she understands the content requirements of the reference.

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Agreement Form

I hereby indicate that I have read all the rules and that I understand that the decision of the Foundation's Scholarship Committee in the selection process is final and binding. I agree that in the event that I am selected as a recipient for the scholarship I shall comply with all the rules and regulations established for the administration of the scholarship. I understand that \$1,000 payment of the scholarship to me is upon condition of my attendance at an accredited Technical College or University.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

Note: The Director of Scholarships is Jean Moody. She is available to answer any questions or concerns. Please contact her at Jam2180@gmail.com or 608-374-4554.

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**Wisconsin Troopers Benevolent Foundation
Memorial Scholarship Program Scholarship Rating Sheet**

Grades (40% or 120 possible points):

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): (Circle One)

GPA: _____

1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 **X 3** = _____

(45 possible points)

Notes/Comments:

Course Difficulty: (Circle One)

1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 **X 5** = _____

(75 possible points)

Notes/Comments:

Essay (35% or 105 possible points):

Personal and Career Goals: (Circle One)

1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 **X 2** = _____

(30 possible points)

Notes/Comments:

Leadership and Character Attributes: (Circle One)

1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 **X 2** = _____

(30 possible points)

Notes/Comments:

Extracurricular, Volunteer, and Community Service Activities: (Circle One)

1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 **X 2** = _____

(30 possible points)

Notes/Comments:

Format: (Circle One)

1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 **X 1** = _____

(15 possible points)

Notes/Comments:

Letter of Recommendation (20% or 60 possible points):

Author of Recommendation: (Circle One)

1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 **X 0.5** = _____
(7.5 possible points)

Notes/Comments:

Description of Academic Accomplishments: (Circle One)

1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 **X 1** = _____
(15 possible points)

Notes/Comments:

Description of Leadership and Character Qualities: (Circle One)

1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 **X 1** = _____
(15 possible points)

Notes/Comments:

Description of Extracurricular, Volunteer and Community Service Activities: (Circle One)

1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 **X 1** = _____
(15 possible points)

Notes/Comments:

Strength of Recommendation: (Circle One)

1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 **X 0.5** = _____
(7.5 possible points)

Notes/Comments:

Overall Inspiration: (5% or 15 possible points):

1 2 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 **X 1** = _____
(15 possible points)

Notes/Comments:

**Wisconsin Troopers Benevolent Foundation
Memorial Scholarship Program - Scholarship Rating Sheet Summary**

Grades (40% or 120 possible points):

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): Enter score _____

Course Difficulty: Enter score _____

Subtotal _____

Essay (35% or 105 possible points):

Personal and Career Goals: Enter score _____

Leadership and Character Attributes: Enter score _____

Volunteer and Community Service: Enter score _____

Format: Enter score _____

Subtotal _____

Letter of Recommendation (20% or 60 possible points):

Author of Recommendation: Enter score _____

Description of Academic Accomplishments: Enter score _____

Description of Leadership and Character Qualities: Enter score _____

Description of Volunteer and Community Service: Enter score _____

Strength of Recommendation: Enter score _____

Subtotal _____

Overall Inspiration/Inspiration (5% or 15 possible points): Enter score _____

Subtotal _____

Overall Total of the four categories (100% or 300 possible points): _____

Signature of Judge

Date