



DPSOA Member Professional Development Scholarship Program

Scholarship Application Guidelines/Instructions

The Department of Public Safety Officers Association is pleased to announce a new scholarship opportunity designed specifically for DPSOA members.

The DPSOA Member Professional Development Scholarship Program supports members pursuing opportunities to enhance their professional knowledge, skills, education, or career development.

DPSOA will award up to ten (10) scholarships of \$1,000 each.

To be eligible for a scholarship, all applicants must:

- Be a current DPSOA member in good standing.
- Have completed a minimum of one (1) year of service with the Texas Department of Public Safety.
- Be accepted to or currently enrolled in an accredited college or university.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- Complete the application in its entirety. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.
- Sign or electronically sign and date the application.
- Submit all required documentation and attachments.
- Submit a brief narrative.
- Submit or postmark the application to DPSOA on or before November 20, 2026.

Scholarship funds may be used for qualifying educational expenses associated with pursuing a degree in law enforcement, criminal justice, public safety, or another approved field that supports members' professional development.

All applications and required supporting documentation must be received by the deadline to be considered.

Scholarship recipients will be selected following review by the DPSOA Scholarship Committee and notified after final approval.

We encourage all eligible DPSOA members who are investing in their professional development to apply.



Department of Public Safety Officers Association

Member Professional Development Scholarship

2026

Applicant Information

Applicant Last Name: _____ Applicant First Name: _____
DPSOA Membership Number: _____ Current Position/Rank: Sergeant
Division: _____ Duty Station: Austin
Years of Service with DPS: 25
Mailing Address (Street, City, Zip Code) : 3928 Medicine Hat, Leander, Texas 78641
Email Address (Personal): Vg00457@gmail.com
Phone Number: 512-426-2802

Eligibility Certification

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Educational Program Information

Institution/Organization: Texas
Program: Criminal Justice
Program Description: Law Enforcement
Program Start Date: January 202 Expected Completion Date: December 2027
Total Program Cost: \$ 10000 Scholarship Amount Requested (Max \$1,000): \$ 1000

Personal Statement (300–500 words)

Attach a typed statement addressing:

- Educational and professional goal
- Benefit to your career
- Benefit to the Texas Department of Public Safety
- Benefit to DPSOA membership
- How you will share the knowledge or skills gained

Applicant Certification

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

All information must be completed; omission may exclude application from consideration

Application deadline – November 20, 2026

Instructions: Complete and sign application, mail completed application and associated documents to: **DPSOA Member Professional Development Scholarship, 5821 Airport Blvd., Austin, TX 78752**

Scholarship Selection Notice: DPSOA will award a maximum of 10 scholarships during this application cycle. Due to the limited number of awards and anticipated level of interest, applicants should expect the selection process to be highly competitive. Submission of a completed application **DOES NOT** guarantee an award. All eligible applications will be carefully reviewed by the scholarship committee in accordance with the established selection criteria.

Required Documentation (Committee Use Only)

- ☐ Completed application
- ☐ Proof of acceptance or enrollment
- ☐ Documentation of tuition or program costs
- ☐ Current transcript (academic programs only)
- ☐ Personal statement