

May 8, 2024

Guidance Department:

Once again the Rensselaer County Deputy Sheriffs' Police Benevolent Association is taking action to give back to the community for the continued support we have received. The Deputy Frank J. O'Brien Memorial Scholarship Fund is again seeking eligible high school seniors to apply. We take pride in being able to offer scholarships to local graduating seniors from an applicant pool consisting of all public high schools in Rensselaer County. Over the years we have awarded over \$28,500.00 to local, graduating seniors.

Based on fundraising this year, we hope to be awarding a minimum of \$500 in scholarships to 2024 graduating seniors. We will be selecting winners from a full pool of applicants rather than by school as we have done in the past. Attached please find a copy of our application and eligibility requirements. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Seney at mseney@rensko.com. We ask for your help in distributing the applications to all guidance staff and seniors who are eligible.

As we hope you are aware, the Deputy Sheriff's P.B.A. is the Union which represents the Police Officers employed by the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office. The P.B.A. has no political or party affiliations. Our only hope is that your school will assist or support us in our fundraising efforts in the coming years which will directly fund these scholarships. Should an award winner from your school be selected, we would enjoy the opportunity to take part in your Senior Awards Night by presenting this year's winners with their awards. Thank you in advance for your continued support and assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael Seney

Michael Seney, President
Rensselaer County Deputy Sheriffs' Police Benevolent Association



**Deputy Frank J. O'Brien Memorial Scholarship
2024 Application**

Full Name (F/MI/L): _____

Permanent Street Address: _____ City/Town: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Current High School: _____

College Planning to Attend: _____

Planned Major or Field of Study: _____

Current Grade Point Average/Class Rank: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

Awards/Honors: _____

Essay Requirements: The applicant must provide an essay that they feel is long enough to appropriately address the topic. This essay will not be judged based solely on its length. The essay topic will be as follows: "Explain where you see yourself in the next year, in the next five years and in the next ten years. This should reflect your realistic goals and the confidence level you have in achieving those goals."

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be currently enrolled in High School within Rensselaer County, NY.
- Applicants must be attending a two (2) or four (4) year College or University in the fall of 2024.
- **While all are encouraged to apply, preference will be given to students pursuing a career in law enforcement, criminal justice or other public service fields.**
- Your essays should be computer printed and must be attached.
- Applications must be received by 06/14/2024
- Applications must be sent to:

**Scholarship Committee
Rensselaer County Deputy Sheriff's P.B.A.
4000 Main Street
Troy, NY 12180**

**Or emailed to:
sellis@rensco.com**