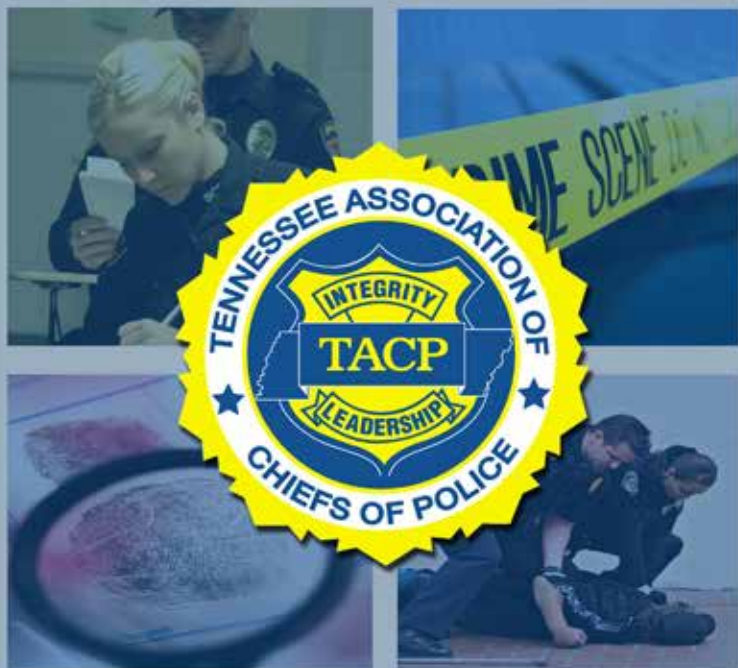


# SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!



The Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police is committed to promoting professionalism in community and criminal justice related careers.

To further that commitment, the TACP is providing a competitive college scholarship for a qualifying student.

*See reverse side for more information*

# \$2500 award

- Are you a dependant of a TACP member?
- Are you a high school senior interested in pursuing a degree from an accredited college or university in a community or criminal justice related field?
- Are you currently enrolled in an accredited college or university pursuing a community or criminal justice related degree?
- Do you have at least a 2.5 GPA?

## SIX EASY STEPS TO APPLY...

1. Download and complete the scholarship application located at [www.tacp.org](http://www.tacp.org) under the "Programs" tab. Be sure you qualify based on the criteria noted above and submit your application by April 30, 2025.
2. Obtain a signature of your local Chief of Police.
3. Obtain two (2) letters of recommendation. One of the letters must be from a professor or teacher within a related program of study.
4. Obtain a sealed high school and/or college transcript with SAT/ACT scores to be submitted to the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police.
5. Submit a typed essay (500 words or less) on a predetermined topic, noted in the application packet. The essay will be judged on originality, content, grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
6. Mail completed Scholarship Application form, letters of recommendation, transcripts, SAT/ACT scores and essay to:

**Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police**  
**Attn: Scholarship Chair**  
**545 Mainstream Drive, Suite 103**  
**Nashville, TN 37228**

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT ?

The Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police Scholarship Committee will evaluate the application and award the scholarship on May 9, 2025, and announced the winners during the TACP meeting June 25-27, 2025.

Once a determination is made, you will be notified regarding the decision of the scholarship committee. If you receive the scholarship, the funds will be sent directly to the financial aid department of the recipient's institution.



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February 21, 2025

Dear TACP Scholarship Applicant:

TACP is accepting applications for the 2025 TACP College Scholarship.

The Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police is committed to advancing professional law enforcement opportunities throughout the state of Tennessee and we strongly believe that training and education are keys to achieving that vision. We are excited about our ability to financially assist students interested in pursuing a law enforcement or related degree.

Please find enclosed the TACP scholarship application packet outlining the required information. As part of the process, please submit an essay on the topic of "How would you benefit from receiving the TACP scholarship and how will your education benefit society?" Your essay should be 500 words or less and double-spaced in Times New Roman size 12 font. Please submit it, along with your completed and signed application, letters of recommendation and transcripts by April 30, 2025, either by mail to the TACP office, or via email to [SharryBeard.ed@taczp.org](mailto:SharryBeard.ed@taczp.org).

The scholarship winner will be chosen by May 9, 2025, and announced during the TACP meeting on June 25-27, 2025. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Executive Director Sharry Dedman-Beard at the TACP office at 615-726-8227 or by email: [SharryBeard.ed@taczp.org](mailto:SharryBeard.ed@taczp.org).

Best of Luck to You,

*Mark Gibson*

Chief Mark Gibson  
Cleveland Police Department  
TACP President



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION IN FULL. (TYPE OR CLEARLY PRINT)

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of Current High School or University/College: \_\_\_\_\_

#### For Current College Students

Financial Aid Officer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Aid Office Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### *For High School Applicants only*

Are you currently a Senior? Yes \_\_\_ or No \_\_\_

Expected H.S. graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

College planning to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated college major: \_\_\_\_\_

#### *For College Applicants only*

Degree program enrolled

in \_\_\_\_\_ First year of College?

Yes \_\_\_ or No \_\_\_

☐ Junior

☐ Senior

Enrolled for 2025-2026 as: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore

### HONORS / ACTIVITIES / COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please outline your academic honors / awards, extracurricular activities, and any volunteer activities.

**Type an essay, no more than 500 words, answering this question:**

How would you benefit from receiving the TACP scholarship and how will your education benefit society?

**CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed and signed application.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Original 500 word or less typed essay.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Official High School Transcripts (for incoming Freshman applicants).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Official College Transcripts (for current college student applicants only).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of SAT or ACT Scores (for incoming Freshman applicants and first year college applicants).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2 letters of recommendation (1 must be from a professor/teacher within a related program of study).

**TERMS OF APPLICATION**

Applicants who submit this form and meet the appropriate requirements agree to the following:

1. All winners will be notified in writing by May 23, 2025.
2. All applications and essays become property of the TN Association of Chiefs of Police.
3. I verify to the best of my knowledge that the information contained in this application is true and accurate.
4. I agree to the terms and conditions of the TACP's Scholarship Program. I authorize the TACP to verify all aspects of this application with my school, employer, reference, or the employer of my parent or guardian. I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the TACP's Scholarship Rules.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of TACP Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of TACP Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agency

**I recommend this student for the TACP Scholarship:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Local Police Chief

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agency

**MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

Scholarship Chair  
Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police  
545 Mainstream Drive, Suite 103  
Nashville, TN 37228

**Submission Deadline: April 30, 2025**

NOTE: Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited college or university, accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, or other similar accrediting body to receive funds.