



Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police & Foundation

## PELS Alumni Section

Professionalism, Excellence, Leadership, Service

### Lex T. Eckenrode Scholarship for PELS

#### *“Lead from the Heart”*

Lex T. Eckenrode was the CEO of the Virginia Police Chiefs Foundation and retired Deputy Director of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. Leading by example and providing inspiration and encouragement to those he came in contact with, Mr. Eckenrode built relationships that created an atmosphere in the Commonwealth of Virginia that allowed law enforcement leaders to flourish.

His message to the graduates of the Professional Executive Leadership School (PELS) was not about great leadership theories or applications, but more about how these individuals view themselves as leaders at home, at work, and in their community. He asked each graduate to think about the legacy they will leave, not just in their professional career, but also in everyday life. He shared with the graduates that life is all about relationships. If they cannot build relationships based upon what comes from their hearts, then they will not be very successful leaders.

With this message in mind, the graduates of the 24th Session of PELS created the Lex T. Eckenrode Scholarship for PELS. This scholarship has been established to honor the legacy that Mr. Eckenrode created through his vision and his values and is to be awarded to individuals who portray the ability to acquire the leadership qualities that Mr. Eckenrode showed us all and inspired in those around him to create within themselves.

This scholarship is available to sworn law enforcement officers employed in the Commonwealth of Virginia who are accepted into PELS. The scholarship is available to individuals who have a financial need and are either from a small department (35 or less sworn force) or a graduate of the Institute for Leadership in Changing Times (ILCT). This scholarship is not available to federal officers, civilian personnel working in law-enforcement agencies, or sworn officers employed by agencies located outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This is a partial scholarship for PELS. The amount of the scholarship will be determined by the PELS Alumni Section and will not exceed \$1,000. Applications are judged on financial need, awards/honors/achievements, community/civic involvement, essay, and letter of recommendation. All decisions made by the Scholarship Committee are final.

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# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. For consideration for the Lex T. Eckenrode Scholarship for PELS, each applicant must submit a completed application endorsed by the chief executive of their agency; an original typed essay; and a letter of recommendation from the agency chief executive (or the city/town manager if the applicant is the agency chief executive).
2. Incomplete, handwritten, or faxed application packages will not be accepted.
3. Scholarship applications and required attachments must be submitted with PELS Application.
4. Application packages may be submitted electronically to [stephanie@vachiefs.org](mailto:stephanie@vachiefs.org) or mailed to Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police & Foundation; ATTN: PELS Alumni Section Scholarship Committee; 880 Technology Park Drive, Suite 100; Glen Allen, Virginia 23059.

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (Last, First MI):		Rank:	
Agency:		Phone:	
Address:		Cell:	
City, State, Zip		Years of Service:	
Email Address:			

## AWARDS / HONORS / ACHIEVEMENTS

Please list any awards, honors, achievements, or special recognition you have received.


## COMMUNITY/CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Please list any organizations and activities, as well as any office or position held.

Organization/Activity	Office/Position	Years of Participation

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### FINANCIAL NEED

What is the total number of authorized sworn officers in your agency?	Full Time: Part Time:
What is the <b>total</b> amount approved for training as listed in the annual budget for the <u>current fiscal year</u> ?	
If the amount above includes the annual fee due to your regional academy, how much is that fee?	

### ESSAY

Attach on a separate sheet or document an original typed essay 1,000 words or less on the following topic:

**Describe the three most important qualities a good leader should possess and why?**

List your name at the top of each page. Be thoughtful in developing your essay, as this is your opportunity to convey your motivations and personal characteristics to the committee members making the scholarship decision.

### DOCUMENTATION & SIGNATURE

I am submitting the following required documents for consideration of the this scholarship:

- ☐ Completed signed application;
- ☐ Original typed essay; and
- ☐ Letter of recommendation

**I certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I meet the eligibility criteria for the Lex T. Eckenrode Scholarship for PELS.**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE ENDORSEMENT

Name (Last, First MI):		Rank:	
Email Address:		Phone:	

**As the chief executive of this agency, I certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that the individual applying for this scholarship meets the eligibility criteria for the Lex T. Eckenrode Scholarship for PELS, and that I recommend and support this individual's scholarship application.**

Chief Executive Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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