



# **Marshall/Woodford Volley for the Future**

Scholarship Information and Application  
Sponsored by the Deputies of Marshall and Woodford Counties



## **Information Page:**

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### Scholarship Opportunity

Volley for the Future is a scholarship initiative designed to support students pursuing careers in public safety, including law enforcement, fire service, and emergency medical services (EMS). The goal is to help alleviate financial barriers for individuals committed to making a difference in their communities and empower local students to pursue these amazing and rewarding careers.

The Marshall and Woodford County Sheriff's Offices are pleased to announce the opening of the first ever Volley for the Future Scholarship. Following a fundraiser held in the summer of 2024, the Marshall and Woodford County Sheriff's Office Deputies are awarding \$4,000 to students from Marshall and Woodford Counties for the 2025-2026 academic year.

### **Grant Purpose:**

Volley for the Future is intended to assist students in Marshall and Woodford Counties who are enrolled or planning to enroll in accredited educational programs for police, fire, or EMS training. By offering financial support, we hope to ensure that qualified and motivated individuals can pursue careers in these critical sectors and be the "next generation" of public safety.

### **Grant Eligibility:**

To be eligible for the Volley for the Future scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in or accepted to an accredited police, fire, or EMS training program or institute of higher learning.  
Examples: Associate/Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice (Law Enforcement), Associate/Bachelor in Fire Science/Administration, EMT Certification, Associate in Paramedicine, etc.
- Be a Marshall or Woodford County resident.
- Have a commitment to serving in a public safety capacity upon graduation.

There will be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex, national origin, or finance.

**Grant Amount:**

Two (2) separate students from Marshall County will each receive up to \$1,000.00 and two (2) separate students from Woodford County will each receive up to \$1,000.00. Awarded funds may be used to cover tuition, fees, or textbooks.

**Grant Requirements:**

Selected students must show proof of enrollment and their tuition statement prior to being awarded the funds. If the bill from the institute is less than \$1,000.00, the student will not be awarded the remaining funding and will only be awarded the cost up to \$1,000.00.

Students must be capable of utilizing the funds prior to May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Application Process:**

To apply for the Volley for the Future Scholarship, applicants must submit the following:

- A completed application form; attached below.
- An official transcript or proof of enrollment in an accredited police, fire, or EMS training program or institute of higher education to obtain a degree in police, fire, or EMS related fields.
- A personal statement (or essay) describing why they are pursuing a career in the public safety sector they have selected, what things they have done to prepare for this career, and what their career goals are. Essay should be less than 500 words
- At least (1) letter of recommendation from a mentor, teacher, instructor, or employer.

**Selection Criteria:**

The selection committee comprised of Marshall and Woodford County Deputies will review applications based on the following factors:

- Demonstrated commitment and expressed dedication to a career in law enforcement, fire service, or EMS.
- Strength of the personal statement/essay
- Strength of the letter of recommendation
- Selected students must show proof of enrollment and their tuition statement prior to being awarded the funds.

Applications will remain anonymous to individuals involved with the selection process.

**Important Dates:**

Application deadline: April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Award notification: May 2<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Disbursement of funds: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**How to Apply:**

Interested applicants can submit their completed application packets as above described to the following based on the county they reside in.

**Marshall County Students**

Marshall County Sheriff's Office  
Att: Chief Deputy Aaron Wilson  
520 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Lacon, IL 61540  
(309)246-2115  
awilson@marshallcountyllinois.gov

**Woodford County Students**

Woodford County Sheriff's Office  
Att: Sgt. Dakota Park  
111 E Court St.  
Eureka, IL 61530  
(309)467-2375  
dpark@woodfordcountyll.gov

For more information about the application process, eligibility, please contact the name associated with the county you reside in as listed above.

**Conclusion:**

Volley for the Future is an investment in the future of public safety in Marshall and Woodford Counties. We are proud to offer this opportunity to students pursuing careers in police, fire, and EMS, and we look forward to supporting their educational journey and helping them achieve their career goals.

## Scholarship Application

Volley for the Future 2025-2026

Deadline: April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Applicant Information:

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:**

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Alternate Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

During this scholarship, I will be enrolled in higher education as a:

College Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

Graduate Student  Technical School Student:

Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_ (On a 4.0 Scale) *(Attach Proof of GPA)*

ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ OR SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ *(Attach Proof of Score)*

Listed the name of any college you have attended

Dates Attended

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Major or Specialty Certification to be obtained:

\_\_\_\_\_

**List all expenses you expect to incur per semester, quarter, or course**

Tuition: Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Books: Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Room & Board Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Expenses Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**List other financial assistance you will receive this semester, quarter, or course**

Personal: Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Scholarship(s) Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grants: Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student Loan(s) Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Resources Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do your parents still claim you as a dependent for tax purposes? Yes  No**

**Father/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer/Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Annual Income:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer/Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Annual Income:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Number of Dependents in household including yourself:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you are NOT claimed by your parents or guardians, then complete this section:**

**Your Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Annual Income:** \_\_\_\_\_

What are your educational and professional goals and objectives? (You can attach your resume or separate sheets if needed).

List your academic honors, awards, and membership activities while in high school or college. (You can attach your resume or separate sheets if needed).

List your community services activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities.  
(You can attach your resume or separate sheets if needed)

If selected as a scholarship winner, may the Marshall and Woodford County Sheriff's Offices publish your name and/or picture as a scholarship recipient?

Yes  No

**Please ensure your essay response is included in this application packet.**

**Deadline Reminder: April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

### **STATEMENT OF ACCURACY**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for purposes deemed necessary to promote the scholarship program.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_