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Naperville Park District presents the 15th annual Officer David White Scholarship

## BACKGROUND:

On an evening in early September 2006, Officer David White, a Naperville Park Police Officer, was ending his shift. However, before he did so, he drove through a nearby park to make one more check of the area. Upon doing so, he found a young man in distress and took action to save his life.

An excerpt from a letter written by the young man's mother explained her family's gratitude: "Because of Officer White going above and beyond the normal process, following his instincts and (with) genuine concern for the safety of the people he comes in contact with, he saved (a) life. There are no words that could ever express our appreciation for Officer White's efforts; by listening to his heart, he has forever affected the life of our family."

For his actions, Officer White received the Park Police Life Saving Award. A local donor began a fund that awards a \$2,000 scholarship each year to a deserving college student who demonstrates a strong commitment to compassionate public service. In the donor's words, "The purpose of the scholarship is to inspire our next generation of public servants to care enough to exert the extra effort, to take a second look."

## SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

This opportunity is for an individual age 25 and under who is either a son or daughter of a Naperville active duty police officer, park police officer, or firefighter or who is, himself or herself, serving in one of these roles.\* The scholarship recipient must be planning to attend an accredited 2- or 4-year college or university during the 2021-2022 academic year for the purpose of obtaining a degree. The scholarship will be awarded in May 2021 for the 2021-2022 academic year; a check will be sent directly to the college or university to be applied towards the recipient's tuition.

*\*or as a Naperville Police or Fire Explorer*

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

The application deadline for the 2021 scholarship is 3:30 p.m. on April 16, 2021. Applicants are asked to complete the official application form, which can be found on the Park District's website at [www.napervilleparks.org/parkpolice](http://www.napervilleparks.org/parkpolice). An application also may be requested by contacting Lois Szalinski, Administrative Assistant, at 630-848-5010 or via email at [lszalinski@napervilleparks.org](mailto:lszalinski@napervilleparks.org).

In addition to the application form, applicants also must complete the essay question and attach it along with two signed letters of recommendation (both must be from a non-family member). Please note that applications must be complete at the time of submission. All application materials must be received at the Park District office by the deadline; late applications will not be considered.

## REVIEW PROCESS:

Applications received will be evaluated by a small panel of reviewers. Applicants will be notified in early May of the panel's decision. By applying, applicants agree to have their name and school name published if they are selected as a recipient. All decisions of the panel are final.

## EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

[lszalinski@napervilleparks.org](mailto:lszalinski@napervilleparks.org) *(include scanned copies of signed letters of recommendation)*

## OR MAIL OR HAND DELIVER COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

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