

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PBA

P.O. Box 1, Fort Edward NY 12828

President: Matt Ashton – Vice President: Travis Earl

Treasurer: Eric Wright

To the school scholarship administrator:

Attached please find one copy of cover letter and scholarship application for the Sr. Investigator Bruce Hamilton Memorial scholarship (\$500.00) to students interested in the criminal justice field, or any student that has been a positive influence in the community.

The students must:

Eligibility:

- A. Must be a resident of Washington County
- B. Must be Graduating / Completed GED equivalency through Washington County School
- C. Students must have applied to either a two- or four-year school for Criminal Justice major.
- D. Students not planning to major in Criminal Justice may still be eligible if:
 - A. Student shows positive impact among their community.
 - B. Course of study would impact community in a positive manner.

Application:

Application must be completed in full.

Complete an essay (200-word min.) on below topics.

a. Criminal Justice Majors:

1. Why student choose a career in Criminal Justice?
2. What is student's Criminal Justice goal (Sheriff, Corrections, State Police, Federal)
3. How does student plan to use degree and training to better community?
4. State why you should be selected to receive this Scholarship.

b. Non- Criminal Justice Majors:

1. Student must include what they have done/do to improve their community.
2. Student must state what future impact or goal they have for their community.
3. How will your course of study / training help achieve this goal?
4. State why you should be selected to receive this Scholarship.

The applications will be reviewed by the WCDSPBA and Family of Sr. Investigator Hamilton. The recipient and the school will be notified of the award prior to the end of the school year. The school will be provided with certificate to present at graduation if desired. The scholarship will be paid directly to the student to be used toward secondary education expenses.

We appreciate your assistance in helping our organization give back to our community and honor and remember a great man that gave over thirty years of dedicated service to Washington County.

Sincerely,

Washington County Sheriff's PBA

To ensure process is completed in a timely manner please have application packet completed and submitted to our office by May 1st, 2024.

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Sr. Investigator Bruce Hamilton Memorial Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

email: _____

Fathers name, address, phone: _____

Mothers name, address, phone: _____

School district: _____ Years Attended: _____

Overall G.P.A. _____ How long have you lived in Washington County: _____

Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a crime (excluding traffic tickets): _____

If yes what for? _____

List all school, civic groups, clubs and sports you have been a member of: _____

List any Honors, awards, etc. you have received: _____

List Schools you are considering or accepted to: _____

What course study do you intending on majoring in? _____

***** Please do not forget to attach your essay *****

**Sr. Investigator Bruce Hamilton Memorial Scholarship Application Form
(\$500)**

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Student:

You are eligible for this scholarship if you are:

1. Washington County resident and graduating from a Washington County School or successfully completed a GED program from a Washington County School.
2. Have applied to a two- or four-year college.
3. Pursuing a course of study in Criminal Justice OR impacted your community in a positive way.

Criteria for selection is primarily on interest and involvement in either your community or the Criminal justice field. Extra-curricular activities will play a part in the selection process. These activities can include sports, clubs, or other community activities. Please include both school and community activities.

To Apply please complete the application in full and attach a essay (200 word minimum)

Essay Topics:

1. Why did you decide to major in Criminal Justice? What do you hope to aspire to be? What do you bring to the field and why will this help?
2. Describe how you made the community a better place. Do you plan to continue to help your community? How will your course of study impact the way you help your neighbors?

This award is \$500.00, If selected you will be contacted prior to the end of the school year. You will be presented the award personally by a Sheriff's Office PBA member.

This presentation may be photographed and posted on PBA and Sheriff's Office social media accounts.

All applications must be submitted no later than May 1st 2024:

Thank you for your interest.

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Sr. Investigator Bruce Hamilton (Shield 624)

We would like to provide you with some background on the member this scholarship is named after:

Washington County Sheriff's Office Senior Investigator Bruce H. Hamilton, graduated from Salem Washington Academy and started his career with the Washington County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff on May 7th, 1987. He was promoted to Sergeant August 1995, Investigator September 1998 and Senior Investigator August 2013. During his career with the Sheriff's Office Senior Investigator Hamilton served in many capacities to include Accident Reconstruction Supervisor, Juvenile Investigator, and DCJS and Homeland security liaison. Bruce was instrumental in the modernization of the department, and in the implementation of multiple law enforcement programs to enhance the services provided to the community.

Senior Investigator Hamilton was the lead investigator on multiple homicide and fatal motor vehicle investigations during his career. His diligence, attention to detail, and genuine dedication to the victims and their families resulted in the successful prosecution of offenders.

Bruce was an exceptionally dedicated officer, strong victim advocate, a mentor, and a friend to anyone in need.

August 2014 the Washington County Sheriff's office added a new K9 to its department. K-9 Brucha a female German Shepherd was named in honor of Sr. Investigator Hamilton. The name Brucha was chosen as a representation of Bruce's name. The name Brucha represents decent people with a sense of justice, lovers of justice & honesty with a need to prove themselves & will do everything to succeed.

Fitting for what Bruce stood for in life.

In February 2024 K9 Brucha retired from the Sheriff's office but sadly passed away as short time later surrounded by her loving family.