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Education opens doors in civil service and contributes to your success on the job. Your own personal and professional development depends to a great degree upon the use you make of the existing educational opportunities. The Office of Professional Development (OPD), within the Chief of Strategic Initiatives, manages all scholarship programs. The mission of OPD is to empower all members of the service to pursue fulfilling careers that include the opportunity for continuous learning and professional growth, developing NYPD leaders with the skills and attributes to succeed in all positions, and assignments.

The Office of Professional Development is your source for valuable information regarding the educational opportunities available through this department, as well as scholarships and tuition reductions offered by the city and other organizations. The Professional Development tab on the department intranet provides the most current information about scholarships and department sponsored programs.

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Preparing for the Application Process

Preparing for the application process can be overwhelming. The following page provides guidance on how to master the process. If you have difficulties with the application process, the Office of Professional Development will be happy to assist.

Undergraduate Programs

Enrolling in a program of any type involves a process in which you are expected to complete a detailed application form and, in many instances, requires that you provide official transcripts from schools previously attended. You may also wish to report the number of credits that you received as a result of your Police Academy Recruit Training or In-Service Training. You are advised to submit your NYPD transcript for review to have the college determine if they can accept credits already earned.

The best advice for completing a college or university application is to have the institution’s academic advisor review the application to ensure its accuracy. Additionally, most colleges require that you submit letters of recommendation from either former teachers or current employers. It is important that you make note of application deadlines, especially if you intend to apply for financial aid, which will require an additional set of applications.

The Education, Training, Opportunities and Tracking Unit will assist you in obtaining recruit school credits and in-service course credits by sending you a Transcript Request Application. In order for a college or university to accept recruit school credits, an official transcript generated by the Tracking Unit must be sent directly to the academic institution in which the member is currently enrolled. The institution will determine how many credits they will accept; and it should be noted that credits are not automatically granted for completed NYPD training programs. It is recommended that all individuals call the Tracking Unit when requesting recruit credits and/or credits for specific in-service courses, and any other accredited courses taken in the department.
Members of the service, active or retired, should utilize the website below to request official transcripts.

https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nypd/careers/human-resources-info/current-employees.page

Education, Training, Opportunities and Tracking Unit
325 East 20th Street
Room 833
New York, NY 10003
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Graduate Programs
In addition to application forms, transcripts, and recommendations, many graduate programs require standardized test scores, such as the Graduate Records Examination (GRE), the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), and the Law School Aptitude Test (LSAT).

Most programs accept standardized test scores taken within five years for applications. Test scores in excess of five years will not be accepted. Each school will post its own deadline for submission of scores. Tests such as the GRE and LSAT consist of vocabulary tests, reading comprehension tests, analytical questions, writing samples, and some may include mathematics. Please refer to the Additional Information section for further information.
Application Information

Completed application packages should be scanned and uploaded through the OPD Educational Opportunities Application on the NYPD portal.

1. Log onto NYPD’s Finest Intranet
2. Select Applications
3. Select “OPD Educational Opportunities Application”
4. Select desired scholarship program (only active programs are listed)

Complete your sign-in information, and upload all documents pertaining to the application, including any application forms

Please remember to attach all your documents before hitting the Submit button. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Office of Professional Development for assistance.
Eligibility Guidelines for All Department Administered Scholarships

- Unless stated otherwise, applicants are required to have a minimum of three years of full-time service, all in good standing, and remain in good standing throughout the duration of the scholarship.

- Past recipients of any department-administered scholarship are eligible to apply for and receive additional opportunities. No statute of limitations has been implemented regarding these awards. Scholarship Committee members will be advised that an applicant has received past awards. The determination of award recipients remains at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee with final approval by the Police Commissioner.

- Members may apply for more than one scholarship per application period. Any member applying for more than one award must submit an additional full copy of their entire application package for each award, and indicate the order of priority for selection of the scholarships.

- The Scholarship Committee will award each scholarship based on the fulfillment of the eligibility requirements, in conjunction with prior educational and professional performance. Each candidate’s entire application package will be thoroughly reviewed and considered. Some awards may require personal interviews with the committee.

- Application periods for department-administered scholarships will be announced throughout the year by Department Bulletin, FINEST Message, and/or email. Please visit the Office of Professional Development’s intranet page for the latest messages.
Selection and Award Criteria/Service Commitments

- Applicants must be accepted by the school/organization in accordance with their academic standards and practices. All prerequisite courses for acceptance must be completed prior to the beginning of the scholarship award date.

- Eligibility requirements for scholarships may be different than the admission requirements.

- Awardees are required to supply an unofficial transcript (OPD reserves the right to request official transcripts at any time) to the Office of Professional Development upon completion of each school semester and proof of enrollment for the following semester for continuation of an awarded scholarship, if applicable to the award.

- All recipients of a Department administered scholarship will agree in writing to a three-year service commitment beginning at the completion of their studies.

- A letter on typed letterhead must be submitted to the Office of Professional Development if a recipient chooses to decline an award or is unable to fulfill their educational commitment.

- Unless stated otherwise, all coursework is to be completed on off-duty time.
Traditional Scholarship Submission Checklist

View the Department Bulletins for specifics about each program. Applications will typically include:

- [ ] Completed NYPD scholarship program application (2 pages)
- [ ] Current resume
- [ ] Personal statement in essay format detailing the applicant’s suitability for the award, specifically addressing how this scholarship will further the applicant’s accomplishments, as well as the goals of the Department. This personal statement shall be a maximum of three pages in length, typed in Times New Roman 12-point font, and single-spaced
- [ ] Letter(s) of recommendation
- [ ] Last three years of Performance Evaluations
- [ ] Unofficial Transcripts for each educational institution attended *(OPD reserves the right to request official transcripts at any time)*
- [ ] Proof of admission to the institution (if the package is submitted prior to receiving a letter of admittance, proof of application is required at time of submission, forwarding admission letter as soon as received.)
Department Scholarships
NYPD Traditional Scholarship Program

The following is a list of traditional scholarships available with their program descriptions, eligibilities and requirements.

**Undergraduate Programs**

Pace University
UNDERGRADUATE (1 award per year)

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
  - Uniformed members in the ranks of Police Officer, Detective and Sergeant
- Academic requirements
  - High school graduate with minimum GPA of 85 and SAT combined verbal and quantitative score of 1100
  - Minimum GPA of 3.0 for any courses taken from an accredited college/university

Pace University offers an undergraduate scholarship award which covers all tuition costs for members pursuing an undergraduate degree in any major. Recipients are responsible for all other related expenses and fees. This scholarship can be used for the iPace program.

This award is administered by the Department. The application period is announced annually via Department Bulletin. Applicants must be accepted by Pace University, in accordance with their admission requirements. All coursework and class attendance must be completed on off-duty time.
St. Joseph’s College, School of Professional and Graduate Studies
UNDERGRADUATE (1 award per year)

Requirements and eligibility:

• Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
  • Any member of the service employed on a full-time basis

• Academic requirements
  • High school graduate or have a general equivalency degree
  • Minimum GPA of 2.0 for any courses taken from an accredited college/university or minimum GPA of 3.0 from a recognized proprietary school

St. Joseph’s College offers a wide variety of programs leading to a Bachelor’s degree, and offers one full undergraduate scholarship each academic year, covering tuition costs for members pursuing any major. Recipients are responsible for all other related expenses and fees. Scholarship recipients may attend at either the Brooklyn or Long Island campus

This award is administered by the Department. The application period is announced annually via Department Bulletin. Applicants must be accepted by St. Joseph’s College, in accordance with their admission requirements. All coursework and class attendance must be completed on off-duty time
Graduate Programs

Georgetown University, McCourt School of Public Policy-Master in Policy Management

GRADUATE (1 award per year)

Requirements and eligibility:

• Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible

• Any member of the service employed with five years of professional experience

The awardee will receive an 11 month paid leave of absence to cover the duration of the full-time program. The recipient will also receive a $20,000 tuition reduction for the Master in Policy Management (MPM). Recipients are responsible for any tuition balance due to the school, as well as all other related expenses and fees.

This award is administered by the Department. The application period is announced annually via Department Bulletin. Applicants must be accepted by Georgetown University, in accordance with their admission requirements.
Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government Mid-Career Master in Public Administration-The Richard L. Gelb Scholarship

GRADUATE (1 award per year)

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
  - Uniformed members in the rank of sergeant and above
  - Civilian members in managerial titles
- Academic requirements
  - Bachelor’s degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0
  - Candidates must have taken the GRE or the GMAT within five years of their application

This program is designed for experienced professionals who have worked in the public interest for at least seven years. The program offers the opportunity to learn new management, policy-making, and analytical skills.

The New York City Police Foundation offers a $15,000 award for studies leading to a Master in Public Administration. The awardee will also receive a 10 ½ month paid leave of absence. Recipients are responsible for any tuition balance due to the school, as well as all other related expenses and fees.

This award is administered by the Department. The application period is announced annually via Department Bulletin. Applicants must be accepted by Harvard University, in accordance with their admission requirements.

Note: The Harvard Club of New York Foundation also offers an annual full tuition award to one New York City first responder. For additional information on this scholarship, interested members must contact Foundation@HCNY.com.
Hunter College, Master of Science in Urban Policy and Leadership

GRADUATE (4 awarded per year)

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
  - All members of the service
- Academic requirements
  - Bachelor’s degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0

The Department will award a twelve month paid leave of absence to four applicants pursuing a Master of Science in Urban Policy and Leadership at Hunter College. Recipients will also receive a 20% discount towards tuition costs. Recipients are responsible for all other related expenses and fees.

This award is administered by the Department. The application period is announced annually via Department Bulletin. Applicants must be accepted by Hunter College, in accordance with their admission requirements.
New York University (NYU), Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service –

Chuck Barris Scholarship

GRADUATE

Requirements and eligibility:

• Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible

  For the MPA program

  • All uniformed members of service
  • All full time civilian members of the service

  For the EMPA program

  • Uniformed members in the rank of lieutenant and above
  • Civilian members in managerial titles

• Academic requirements

  • Bachelor’s degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0

The New York City Police Foundation, in conjunction with New York University, provides a 30% tuition reduction scholarship for studies leading to either a Master of Public Administration (MPA) or an Executive Master of Public Administration (EMPA) from the Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. Recipients are also awarded an Educational Leave Grant for the duration of their studies. In addition, one recipient will be granted a $6,000 stipend from The New York City Police Foundation. The awardee is responsible for any tuition balance due to the school, as well as all other related expenses and fees.

This award is administered by the Department. The application period is announced via Department Bulletin. Applicants must be accepted by New York University, in accordance with their admission requirements. All coursework and class attendance must be completed on off-duty time, except the Educational Leave Grant.
Police Commissioner’s Graduate Scholarship

GRADUATE (1 award per year)

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- Uniformed members of the service
- Academic requirements
  - Bachelor’s degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0
  - Candidates must be matriculated in one of the schools listed below in order to receive the award

The New York City Police Foundation offers a $15,000 award for studies leading to a graduate-level degree related to either criminal justice or governmental administration at any of the following schools: Brown University, Columbia University, Harvard University, Georgetown University, New York University, Princeton University, University of Pennsylvania, or Yale University. The awardee will also receive a 10 ½ month paid leave of absence. Recipients are responsible for any tuition balance due to the school, as well as all other related expenses and fees.

This award is administered by the Department. The application period is announced annually via Department Bulletin. Applicants must be accepted by the qualifying school of their choice, in accordance with their admission requirements.
St. Joseph’s College, School of Professional and Graduate Studies

GRADUATE (1 award per year)

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- Any member of the service employed on a full time basis
- Academic requirements
  - Bachelor’s degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0
  - Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) is required for applicants who are not supervisors.

Note: The GMAT score is generally not required for those applicants in full-time positions who have work experience involving supervision, program development, specialized training, or have considerable responsibility and/or independent judgment.

St. Joseph’s College offers a wide variety of programs leading to a Master’s degree, and offers one full graduate scholarship each academic year, covering tuition costs for members pursuing any major. Recipients are responsible for all other related expenses and fees. Scholarship recipients may attend at either the Brooklyn or Long Island campus.

This award is administered by the Department. The application period is announced annually via Department Bulletin. Applicants must be accepted by St. Joseph’s College, in accordance with their admission requirements. All coursework and class attendance must be completed on off-duty time.
State University of New York at Albany, School of Criminal Justice –

Eliot H. Lumbard Scholarship

GRADUATE (2 awarded per year)

Requirements and eligibility:

• Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible

• Uniformed members of the service

• Academic requirements

• Bachelor’s degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0

• Candidates must have taken the GRE within the last five years; verbal and quantitative scores must total a minimum of 285

The School of Criminal Justice is an interdisciplinary program focused on the study of criminal behavior and society’s response to this behavior. The New York City Police Foundation, in conjunction with the State University of New York at Albany, provides two full tuition scholarships leading to a Master of Criminal Justice degree. Recipients are also awarded a 10 ½ month paid leave of absence. Awardees are responsible for all other related fees and expenses.

This award is administered by the Department. The application period is announced annually via Department Bulletin. Applicants must be accepted by SUNY Albany, in accordance with their admission requirements.
Educational Leave Scholarship Grant

UNDERGRADUATE/POST-GRADUATE (30 awarded total)

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
  - All uniformed members of the service
  - All full-time civilian members of the service
- Academic requirements
  - Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher for initial eligibility and continuation of award certification
  - Candidates must be matriculated students in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree program relevant to the department’s mission, at an accredited institution
  - Candidates must provide ongoing proof of course registration and complete a minimum of 15 credits per calendar year

The Educational Leave Scholarship Program awards uniformed and civilian members of service annual paid educational leave grants of 18 days per calendar year for enrollment in undergraduate or postgraduate programs relevant to the NYPD mission. Each year consists of two periods, January 1 to June 30, and July 1 to December 31. Nine educational leave days are awarded for use between January 1 and June 30, and nine days are awarded for use between July 1 and December 31. Educational leave days must be used during the period awarded and may not be carried over to another period. Educational leave days are meant to assist members in meeting the demands of university study.

Members may use educational leave days at their own discretion, with minimal limitations, to attend class, prepare for exams, or to participate in internships or other aspects of their academic development. Educational leave days are not permitted on any of the following days:

a. New Year’s Day
b. Memorial Day
c. Independence Day
d. Labor Day
e. Thanksgiving Day
f. Christmas Day
g. During any of the “A” weeks designated by the annual Operations Order pertaining to vacation selections

A member who has been officially awarded an Educational Leave Scholarship must comply with the following:

a. No more than two educational leave days may be used consecutively.
b. All days must be used in entirety, time cannot be requested in hours or minutes (lost time).
c. All requests for educational leave days must be submitted at least five days in advance.

Educational leave days for each period will be credited to the recipient’s leave bank after all required documentation is submitted and verified by the Office of Professional Development at the end of the prior period. No other programs, except the NYU Chuck Barris Scholarship, has access to these Educational leave days.

*This award is administered by the Department.* The application period is announced annually via Department Bulletin.
Police Reserve Association, City of New York, Inc. Scholarship Grants

UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE (5 awarded per year)

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- Uniformed members of the service

- Academic requirements
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Candidates must complete a minimum of 6 credits each semester
- Must be a matriculated student, enrolled in an accredited institution

The Police Reserve Association offers multiple grants in the amount of $1,500 to uniformed members pursuing both undergraduate and graduate studies. One of the scholarships awarded to a member pursuing graduate-level study will be offered in memory of Chief Michael Markman. These one-time awards are designed to encourage and support uniformed members of the service to advance their education at accredited colleges/universities. Scholarship grant winners may only receive this award one time during their employment with the department.

This award is administered by the Department. The application period is announced annually via Department Bulletin. Recipients are expected to attend the annual Police Reserve Association gala as guests of the Association.
NYPD Non-Traditional Scholarship Program

Center for Homeland Defense and Security Naval Postgraduate School–Master’s Degree in Homeland Security

GRADUATE

Requirements and eligibility:

• Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
  • Uniformed members in the rank of sergeant and above
  • Civilian members in managerial titles
  • Intelligence Research Specialists

• Academic requirements
  • An undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university
  • Minimum GPA of 3.0 for undergraduate coursework, or awarded a graduate degree. Applicants with a GPA below 3.0 will be considered if they have relevant work experience and qualifications to complement their academic record. It is strongly recommended by the Naval Postgraduate School that applicants with less than a 3.0 GPA take either the Graduate Record Examination or the Miller Analogies Test and obtain a score that would place them in consideration for the program.
The Center for Homeland Defense and Security Naval Postgraduate School offers a Master’s Degree in Homeland Security, to meet the ever evolving educational needs of our homeland security leaders. The curriculum is structured around key policy and organizational design problems that future homeland security leaders are likely to confront, and provides them with the analytic skills to meet those challenges. Each course in the curriculum requires students to master the core issues, principles, and problem-solving approaches for the topic in question, and to apply those fundamentals to the specific challenges confronting their own jurisdictions. The 18-month online program requires participants to be in residence only two weeks per quarter, for a total of 12 weeks. The in-residence sessions are conducted at the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security campus in Monterey, California. Attendance and participation is required at all sessions. The Department of Homeland Security’s National Preparedness Directorate, FEMA, covers program costs, including travel and lodging, for every participant for each of the in-residence sessions. Participants complete the remainder of their coursework via network-based distance learning methods. Members considering this opportunity should have homeland security experience and responsibilities.

This award is administered by the Department. The application period is announced semiannually via Department Bulletin. Candidates recommended by the department must also be accepted by the CHDS NPS, in accordance with their admissions standards.

For more information on this program, please visit: https://www.chds.us/c/academic-programs/masters

Center for Homeland Defense and Security Naval Postgraduate School – Executive Leaders Program

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM (4 awarded per year)

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- Uniformed members in the rank of captain and above

The Center for Homeland Defense and Security Naval Postgraduate School offers the Executive Leaders Program, a graduate certificate program, to meet the ongoing educational needs of our homeland security leaders. This program allows senior-level homeland security professionals to develop the strategies, policies and organizational elements they need to better understand and address emerging national security issues, public policy debates, terrorist threats, and best practices in homeland security.
The Executive Leaders Program consists of four one-week in-residence sessions over a nine-month period. The program is designed to accommodate the busy schedules of participating executives and does not require the workload of traditional graduate-level education. Each of the four in-house sessions is conducted at the Center for Homeland Defense and Security campus in Monterey, California. Attendance and participation is required at all four sessions. The Department of Homeland Security’s National Preparedness Directorate, FEMA, covers program costs, including travel and lodging, for each participant for each of the in-residence sessions.

This award is administered by the Department. The application period is announced semiannually via Department Bulletin. Candidates recommended by the department must also be accepted by the CHDS NPS, in accordance with their admissions standards. For more information on this program, please visit: https://www.chds.us/c/academic-programs/elp

Center for Homeland Defense and Security Naval Postgraduate School – Homeland Security Emergence Program

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM (2 awarded per year)

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
  - Uniformed members in the rank of police officer, detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and non-administrative (analyst and specialist) who perform functions related to homeland or cyber security
  - Non-managerial civilian members who perform functions related to homeland or cyber security

The Emergence Program is a unique opportunity for homeland security/public safety professionals who are in the early stages (less than 10 years of full-time work experience) of their career. The program provides an educational forum and innovation lab (at the NPS campus in Monterey, CA) for participants to explore “emerging” trends in the world around us (e.g. technology, social, and terrorism). Participants will discuss both the challenges associated with these complex trends as well as the opportunities to rethink how we protect our communities and the nation. In addition, program sessions will assist participants in “emergence” strategies for implementing innovative ideas, being a leader, and for a successful homeland security career. The program requires participants to be in residence for two one-week session over six months, with approximately two months of online work prior to both week one and week two. The in residence sessions are conducted at the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security campus in Monterey, California.
The Department of Homeland Security’s National Preparedness Directorate, FEMA, covers program costs, including travel and lodging, for each participant for each of the in-residence sessions.

This award is administered by the Department. The application period is announced annually via Department Bulletin. Candidates recommended by the department must also be accepted by the CHDS NPS, in accordance with their admissions standards.

For more information on this program, please visit: https://www.chds.us/c/academic-programs/emergence-program.

Columbia Southern University
(1 award per year)

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- All full-time members of the service

Columbia Southern University, an online educational institution based in Orange Beach, Alabama, has announced it is now offering one scholarship to either a uniformed or civilian member of the service. The scholarship will cover up to 60 credit hours toward one online degree program. The scholarship will be applied directly to the recipient’s tuition for up to three years or until the completion of the selected online degree program, whichever comes first.

This program is NOT administered by the Department, however, the Office of Professional Development will verify the final award determination. For more information, please visit: www.columbiasouthern.edu

FBI National Academy
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM (12 awarded yearly)

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- Uniformed members in the rank of lieutenant and above or be in the rank of sergeant (only with written endorsement by their Bureau Chief/DeputyCommissioner through channels)
- Requirements
• Candidates must complete a one mile run to demonstrate good physical condition and capability of vigorous physical activity

• Candidates must provide current vaccination verification to the FBI National Academy

The New York City Police Department, in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, provides opportunities for uniformed members of the service to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The FBI National Academy is an intensive 10-week training program that offers courses related to management science, behavioral science, law, education, forensic science, and health/fitness. The FBI National Academy provides living quarters and meals at its facilities. Uniformed members of the service are responsible for travel and miscellaneous expenses.

This award is administered by the Department. The application period is announced via Department Bulletin.

Harvard Kennedy School of Government – Senior Executives in State and Local Government

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM (4 awarded per year)

Requirements and eligibility:

• Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible

  • Uniformed members in the rank of Deputy Chief and above

  • Civilian members in the title of Director and above

This three-week program provides a balance of traditional and hands-on learning experiences to help seasoned public officials meet the changing needs of their constituents and communities. Participants will be in an environment where the classroom serves as a forum for raising difficult issues and practicing the skill of creating and maintaining a conversation that leads to change. It is offered at no cost to members who are selected by the department to attend.

This award is administered by the Department. The application period is announced annually via Department Bulletin.
John Jay College of Criminal Justice – Master of Arts Program for NYPD Executives

GRADUATE (20 awarded each year)

Requirements and eligibility:

• Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
  • Uniformed members in the rank of Captain and above

• Academic requirements
  • Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0
  • Candidates must have a Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited post-secondary institution or an international equivalent

The NYPD and John Jay College have developed a two-year Criminal Justice Master of Arts program for NYPD executives. This program will be offered at no cost to members who are selected by the department to attend, and accepted by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

This award is administered by the Department. The application period is announced annually via Department Bulletin. Applicants must be accepted by John Jay College, in accordance with their admission requirements. All coursework and class attendance must be completed on off-duty time.
John Jay College of Criminal Justice – NYPD Leadership Program

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM (open)

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- Uniformed members of the service

John Jay College offers up to four tuition-free undergraduate or graduate level courses to uniformed members of the service.

This program is NOT administered by the Department. For more information, please visit: https://www.jjay.cuny.edu/NYPDProgram. All coursework and class attendance must be completed on off-duty time.

National Institute of Justice’s Law Enforcement Advancing Data and Science (LEADS) Program

The LEADS Scholar Program seeks research-minded, mid-career law enforcement officers in the rank of Captain, Lieutenant, and Sergeant who are committed to using evidence and data to enhance, and develop law enforcement policy and practice. The program selects uniformed members of the service who are capable of leading research projects that support evidence-based policing within their organizations.

The Office of Professional Development will manage, in coordination with the Office of Management Analysis and Planning, the application requirements, as well as, activities related to this Program. Members of the service who apply will submit their application with a report on typed letterhead requesting an official agency letter of support, which recognizes a three-year commitment to the program, to the Office of Professional Development. The completed packages will then be forwarded to the Office of the Police Commissioner, for final approval. Members of the service who gain official acceptance to the program will notify the Office of Professional Development in regard.

Any questions regarding the LEADS Scholar Program will be directed to the Office of Professional Development at (646) 610-7862. Review Operations Order #12 issued 2/28/19 for further details.
Non-Department Scholarships
New York Law School

JURIS DOCTORATE
Requirements and eligibility:

• Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
• Uniformed members of the service

New York Law School offers full and partial awards to members of the department. The scholarship decisions are made by the New York Law School admissions committee at the time admission is offered.

This award is NOT administered by the Department. For more information on New York Law School, please visit: https://www.nyls.edu/

St. John’s University School of Law

JURIS DOCTORATE
Requirements and eligibility:

• Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
• Uniformed members of the service

St. John’s School of Law offers full and partial awards to members of the department. The scholarship decisions are made by the St. John’s University School of Law admissions committee at the time admission is offered.

This award is NOT administered by the Department. For more information on St. John’s University School of Law, please visit: http://www.stjohns.edu/law.
White House Fellows Program

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
  - Uniformed members in the rank of captain or above
  - Civilian members in the title of director or above

- Academic requirements
  - Bachelor’s degree

Founded in 1964 by Lyndon B. Johnson, the White House Fellows Program is one of America’s most prestigious programs for leadership and public service. White House Fellowships offer exceptional men and women first-hand experience working at the highest levels of the Federal government. Members of the service selected for the program typically spend a year working as a full-time, paid Fellow to senior White House Staff, cabinet secretaries, and other top-ranking government officials. Fellows also participate in an education program consisting of roundtable discussions with renowned leaders from the private and public sector. Fellowships are awarded on a strict non-partisan basis.

Additional candidate selection criteria includes: having a record of remarkable early-career professional achievement; evidence of leadership skills and the potential for further growth; a demonstrated commitment to public service; and the skills to succeed at the highest levels of the Federal government and the ability to work effectively as part of a team.

The White House Fellows Program staff is available to provide assistance and answer any questions regarding the White House Fellowship. The staff can be reached by email at whithousefellows@who.eop.gov

This award is NOT administered by the Department. For more information of the White House Fellows Program, please visit www.whff.org
Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS),
Citywide Training Center

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible

- Any employee of the City of New York

The Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS), Citywide Training Center offers courses throughout the year. The course catalog is updated throughout the year and the most current catalog is available on the OPD homepage under Documents. The Citywide Training Center provides courses relevant to employees of all agencies in core areas such as computer skills, management, supervision, communication, workplace effectiveness, auditing, and procurement in order to meet the training and professional development needs of city employees at all levels.

This program is NOT administered by the Department. However, all applications must be signed by the requesting member's commanding officer or operations coordinator. Additionally, all applications require the authorization of a fiscal designee and must be approved by the Deputy Commissioner, Management and Budget (DCMB). Once the funding is approved and verified, the application will be forwarded to the Office of Professional Development, who processes the application with DCAS. Applications should be submitted at least six weeks prior to the scheduled course date, even if the course is offered free. Members will be notified by department email when training dates have been confirmed. For more information on this program, please view the most current Department Bulletin.

The Office of Professional Development is offering numerous courses related to business-writing, Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook. Please refer to the OPD Homepage for the most current availability. If our office provides the same training as DCAS, you may not request the course through DCAS. Please follow the bulletin procedure for requesting the course through the Office of Professional Development.

DCAS Course Catalog:
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/agencies/citywide-training-and-development.page
Mayor’s Graduate Scholarship Program

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- Any full time employee of the City of New York
- Academic requirements
- An undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university

The Mayor’s Graduate Scholarship Program provides scholarship opportunities for full-time New York City government employees, with undergraduate degrees, to pursue graduate study. Through the generosity of participating colleges and universities, and in cooperation with the City of New York’s Department of Citywide Administrative Services, full and partial scholarships are offered for graduate study in the areas of business and public administration, public policy analysis, computer science, law, engineering, nursing, public health, and other profession-specific programs.

This program is NOT administered by the Department. However, all applications require verification of employment via an agency head signature. The application period and details regarding the process are announced annually via Department Bulletin. Applicants must be accepted by the participating school/program, in accordance with their admission requirements. All coursework and class attendance must be completed on off-duty time.

For more information on this program, please visit:
The New York City Management Academy

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- Uniformed members in the rank of sergeant and lieutenant
- Civilian members in managerial titles

The New York City Management Academy is a unique and distinctive program designed for emerging leaders who have assumed, or will assume, positions of greater responsibility in their agencies. The goal of the Academy is to provide its participants, who have demonstrated exceptional technical competence in their chosen areas of expertise, with a fundamental grounding in state-of-the-art managerial systems and an understanding of both formal and informal management processes. The Academy meets once a week, usually between April and June. The sessions are held from 0900 to 1700 hours at the Citywide Training Center, located at 1 Centre Street, New York, NY. Participants will attend during scheduled working hours.

This award is NOT administered by the Department. However, all applications require verification of employment via an agency head signature. The application period and details regarding the process are announced annually via Department Bulletin.

For more information on this program, please visit:
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/agencies/management-academy.page
The New York City Leadership Institute
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- Uniformed members in the rank of captain and above
- Civilian members in the position of director and above

The Leadership Institute is an intensive four-month, part-time executive development program. It consists of workshops, seminars, and lectures conducted at the Department of Citywide Administrative Services. Participants will attend during scheduled working hours. Applicants to the Leadership Institute should be outstanding middle-level managers who have had several years of management experience and are in an appropriate position to bring about strategic change.

This award is NOT administered by the Department. However, all applications require verification of employment via an agency head signature. The application period and details regarding the process are announced annually via Department Bulletin.

For more information on this program, please visit:
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/agencies/leadership-institute.page
Union Sponsored Programs for Civilian Members

Many unions provide educational classes, exam preparation classes, and reimbursements for tuition, books, and conferences. Some have specific scholarships. Please read your union benefit manual and check their website for current programs, and your eligibility. Highlighted below are specific scholarship programs.

Communications Workers of America Joseph Beirne Foundation Scholarship

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- CWA members, their spouses, children, and grandchildren
- Academic requirements
- A high school diploma

The CWA Joseph Beirne Foundation was established in October 1974 by the Communications Workers of America Executive Board to honor the name and memory of the founding President of CWA, who served for more than 30 years. In his capacity as the first CWA president, Joe Beirne took great pride in the roles he played in the fields of education and learning and other areas of social concern. The CWA Joseph Beirne Foundation offers partial awards to individuals pursuing both undergraduate and graduate studies.

CWA members, their spouses, children, and grandchildren (including dependents of laid-off, retired, or deceased CWA members) may apply. Applicants must be high school graduates or at least high school students who will graduate during the year in which they apply. Undergraduate and graduate students returning to schooling may also apply. Prior winners may not reapply.

This award is NOT administered by the Department. For more information, please visit: https://www.cwa-union.org/pages/beirne
CWA 1180 Queens College Tuition Free Courses
UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- CWA members

Queens College of the City University of New York, Urban Studies Department, in cooperation with the CWA Local 1180 union, offers Local 1180 members, twenty-four tuition-free credits towards the completion of either a Bachelor or Master Degree in Urban Studies. This union sponsored program is offered at the Flushing and midtown Manhattan campuses during weekdays, evenings, or on weekends.

This award is NOT administered by the Department. For more information, please visit: www.cwa1180.org

DC 37 Education Fund–CUNY Labor Relations
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- Member of DC 37
- Academic requirements
  - High school diploma or GED

The Certificate in Labor Relations is a four-course, sixteen credit undergraduate program offering a comprehensive overview of labor relations in the public sector at the Murphy Institute at the CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies. Tuition is covered by the DC 37 Education Fund (excluding books and an application fee).

This award is NOT administered by the Department. For more information, please visit: http://www.dc37.net/benefits/education/CUNY_Murphy
Communications Workers of America Local 1180

EDUCATION FUND/COLLEGE TUITION REFUND

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- Member of CWA Local 1180

The College Tuition Reimbursement Program provides reimbursement of up to $200 per semester for tuition and/or registration fees for successfully completed courses for which college credits are earned at any accredited college. Members of CWA Local 1180 who apply to the program and pass their courses will be reimbursed at the end of the term. The program pays benefits for a maximum of three terms per year. This award is NOT administered by the Department. For more information, please visit: www.cwa1180.org

The Union Plus Scholarship Program

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- Current and retired members of participating unions, their spouses and their dependent children (one year of continuous union membership required)
- Academic requirements
- See website

The Union Plus Scholarship Program offers partial awards ($500 to $4,000) to individuals pursuing both undergraduate and graduate studies.

This award is NOT administered by the Department. For more information, please visit: https://www.unionplus.org/benefits/money/union-plus-scholarships
Tuition Discounted Educational Opportunities

Many institutions offer substantial discounts or free college benefits to members of the service pursuing associate undergraduate and graduate level degrees. The amount and type of tuition reduction vary from school to school. Do your research for each college/university you are considering attending. Remember to ask if they may have benefits that you are eligible to receive. Some specialized programs offered to members of the service are listed below, within the tuition reduction listing.

Adelphi University
https://online.adelphi.edu/undergraduate-degrees/bs-emergency-services

Berkeley College

Columbia Southern University
(Partnership Program)
https://www.columbiasouthern.edu/tuition-financing/partnerships

Excelsior College
(Partnership Program)
https://www.excelsior.edu/partner/new-york-police-department/

Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) in Partnership with Eastern Gateway Community College
https://dta0yqvnuiq.cloudfront.net/actoh84368898/2019/02/WEBSITE-FLYER-5c65b2665d03b.pdf

Grand Canyon University
https://degree.gcu.edu/lps/eapa/chss/nypd/step-1/?utm_source=EAP-NYPD

John Jay College
http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/tuition-discounts-and-academic-benefits

Long Island University (LIU)
Contact: Ozzie Muren  ozzie.muren@liu.edu (631) 287-8326
Marist College
https://www.marist.edu/admission/graduate/partnerships/nysle

Mercy College
https://www.mercy.edu/NYPD

Metropolitan College
https://www.mcny.edu/admissions-aid/financial-aid/scholarships-grants/

Molloy College
https://www.molloy.edu/academics/flexible-learning-opportunities/law-enforcement-program

Monroe College
Contact: Pamela DellaPorta, Executive Director (646) 393-8731
https://www.monroecollege.edu/Admissions-and-Aid/Financial-Aid/Monroe-Grants/

Special Program: Offers up to (50%) tuition reduction to members of School Safety, and up to twenty percent (20%) tuition reduction to other civilians, enrolling part-time or full-time in an Associate, Bachelor’s, or Master’s degree program. Relevant work history and prior college credits may also be applied to the degree.

New York Institute of Technology (NYIT)
http://nyit.edu/pfet

New York City Police Foundation
http://www.nycpolicefoundation.org/programs/scholarships-professional-development

Seton Hall University
http://www.shu.edu/academics/online-ma-police-graduate-studies-program-index.cfm

St. John’s University
http://www.stjohns.edu/admission-aid/undergraduate-admission/adult-degree-programs/law-enforcement-officers
SUNY Empire State College
Contact: Nico Mendez nicholas.mendez@esc.edu (646) 230-1208
http://www.esc.edu

Syracuse University
https://parttime.syr.edu/nypd-orange-blue-discount/?q=/nypd

Union/Organization Free College Benefits

Many of these programs offer free Associate’s degrees (60 credits) with membership.

AFSCME Free College Benefit
https://freecollege.afscme.org/

AFSCME Scholarships
https://www.afscme.org/members/scholarships
$2,000 scholarships are available for members pursuing either an undergraduate or graduate degree. Several scholarships are also available for members’ children and grandchildren.

Union Plus Free College Benefit
https://www.unionplusfreecollege.org/

Fraternal Order of Police Free College Benefit
https://www.fopfreecollege.org/

Additional Information

Converting Police Academy Training to College Credits

If you want to further your education or meet promotional eligibility requirements, the educational credits earned, for training courses completed at the Police Academy, may be converted into college credits. If you are currently attending college, have your official Police Academy transcript forwarded to your school to be listed on your official transcript. Please note, some credits earned at the Police Academy may not be accepted by the school. If you are returning to school, you may request an official department transcript be evaluated to review coursework for addition to your transfer credits.
Currently, 64 college credits are required for promotion to sergeant. Ninety-six credits are required for promotion to lieutenant, and a bachelor’s degree is needed for promotion to captain. It is important to remember that these are minimal requirements. Many members enhance their career potential by pursuing advanced degrees. The Education, Training, Opportunities and Tracking Unit monitors the eligibility of candidates for promotion. It also manages and updates the education records for all members of the Department. Review your department transcript regularly to ensure all courses taken are updated to your records.

**Writing a Personal Statement**

Personal statements are usually required when requesting consideration for a scholarship or admission to a school. A list of recommendations to include or exclude when writing a personal statement are as follows:

- Be yourself and not the ideal applicant.
- Address the unique features of the school that interest you.
- Provide the reader with insight into what drives you to excel.
- Evaluate experiences, rather than describe them.
- Strive for substance rather than content.
- Avoid repeating information found in the application.
- Do not complain about the circumstances in your life.
- Do not talk about money as a motivator for your academic choices or career goals.
- Do not use technical language or uncommon words.
- Do not remind the school of how reputable or prestigious they are.
- Proofread your document carefully for grammatical and structural errors.
The content of a personal statement should be as unique as its writer, within limitations. Before you begin to write, assess your ambitions, successes, limitations, and experiences. Ask yourself and answer some of the following questions:

- What details of your life might set you apart?
- What are your career goals?
- How did you learn about the field you will pursue? 
- What is distinctive, special, or impressive about you and your life?
- What are some of the compelling reasons you should be selected?
- Why would this opportunity/school be the best fit for your goals?

For further information on writing a personal statement, please visit the sites below:

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/job_search_writing/preparing_an_application/writing_the_personal_statement/top_10_rules_and_pitfalls.html
https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/job_search_writing/preparing_an_application/writing_the_personal_statement/index.html

**Entrance Examinations**

Many schools require standardized test scores included in their admission applications. These tests allow schools to evaluate and rank applicants. Scholarship applications may also request standardized test scores to have an additional evaluation tool. The following are some of the more common standardized tests requested.
The Graduate Record Examinations (GRE)

The Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) is a standardized test that is often an admissions requirement for graduate schools in the United States. The GRE aims to measure verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, analytical writing, and critical thinking skills that have been acquired over a long period of learning. The content of the GRE consists of certain specific algebra, geometry, arithmetic, and vocabulary sections.

The GRE General Test is offered as a computer-based exam. In the graduate school admissions process, the level of emphasis that is placed upon GRE scores varies widely between schools and departments within schools. The importance of a GRE score can range from being a mere admission formality to an important selection factor. The test scores are valid for five years. Some scholarships require a minimum GRE score for application.

For more information log onto: http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/about

The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)

The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) is a computer adaptive test (CAT) intended to assess certain analytical, writing, quantitative, verbal, and reading skills in written English for use in admission to a graduate management program, such as an MBA. It requires knowledge of certain specific grammar and knowledge of certain specific algebra, geometry, and arithmetic. Business schools use the test as a criterion for admission into a wide range of graduate management programs, including MBA, Master of Accountancy, Master of Finance programs and others.

For more information log onto: https://www.mba.com/

The Law School Admission Test (LSAT)

The Law School Admission Test (LSAT) is an integral part of law school admission in the United States, Canada, and a growing number of other countries. The test is designed specifically to assess key skills needed for success in law school, including reading comprehension, analytical reasoning, and logical reasoning. The LSAT is the only test accepted for admission purposes by all ABA-accredited law schools and Canadian common-law law schools.

Some law schools will accept tests other than the LSAT for admission. However, students who want to maximize their chances for admission are advised to take the LSAT. It is the only test accepted by all ABA-accredited law schools, and it is the only test that helps the test taker to determine if law school is right for them.

For more information log onto:  https://www.lsac.org/lsat
Eliciting Recommendations

Letters of recommendation are part of the evaluation process for all New York City Police Department scholarships. Admissions offices in colleges and universities, as well as sponsors who provide scholarships, also consider letters of recommendation as a requirement of their selection process. When eliciting a recommendation, select someone who is knowledgeable about your skills and abilities and who will write a favorable letter.

Submitting a well composed reference letter along with your college application could have a positive impact on the admissions committee during the admissions process. Two frequently used types of reference letters are the academic and non-academic reference letters.

Academic letters of recommendation are provided by past or present instructors, professors or a faculty member of a school. Their observations and tangible evidence of work assignments will help elaborate strengths and potential for future academic pursuits.

A non-academic letter of recommendation is usually obtained from an immediate supervisor (past or present), religious leader, elected official, community activist, or sports coach. Each may provide first hand, in-depth character witness statements highlighting the prospective students’ experiences, skills, character traits, and contributions and how they relate to the merit of a scholarship or admission into a school.

Before approaching anyone for a letter of recommendation, make sure it is someone who can honestly state, from personal experience, the reasons you are qualified for consideration. The letter should read as a personal and honest character assessment by the writer.
**Resume Building**

A resume is an extremely important tool when assessing a candidate for a specific position. A resume provides an employer with a detailed statement of a candidate’s prior work experience, education, and accomplishments.

A well organized and structured resume may help you stand out from the rest. Tailor your resume to each job, highlighting the skills, education and experience that make you the best candidate for the job.

For assistance in creating a resume, members of the service both civilian and uniform may reach out the Members Outreach Section at (646) 610-5505 located at 1 Police Plaza on the 10th floor.

**Additional Orders/Procedures**

Members interested in requesting an extended leave of absence in order to pursue an educational fellowship/scholarship or similar opportunity independent of any Department administered program should be guided by Patrol Guide Procedure 203-26 “Extended Leave of Absence – Educational Fellowship/Scholarship Notification of Intent.” Issued 01/04/19

To Award Department recognition to members of the service who continue their education beyond high school, please be guided by Administrative Guide Procedure 320-19 “Educational Achievement Citation.”

Members may request an educational tour change to prepare for exams, participate in internships, or for further academic development in their undergraduate studies as outlined in Operations Order Number 24 of 04-05-2016, “Implementation of Educational Tour Changes.”

All orders and procedures can be found on the Office of Professional Development homepage: https://portal.nypd.org/sites/650
Scholarships for Dependent Children and/or Spouses of MOS
Some scholarships and programs are also available to your children, grandchildren, and spouses. Review your union benefit manual, in addition to the following listed awards.

The Balambal Palaniyandi Memorial Scholarship

Requirements and eligibility:
- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- Dependent child or spouse of any uniformed member of the service
- Academic requirements
  - Candidate must be enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate CUNY Brooklyn College Department of Psychology program

This CUNY Brooklyn College Department of Psychology memorial scholarship is a charitable educational donation from Dr. and Mrs. R.B. Palaniyandi to Brooklyn College. The Balambal Palaniyandi Memorial Scholarship is for a student who has demonstrated character whose spouse and/or parent is/was a member of the firefighters, police officers, or emergency services personnel. Special preference will be given to those whose spouse and/or parent died in the line of duty. A full or partial scholarship will be given to the deserving recipient.

This award is NOT administered by the Department. For more information, please visit: www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/web/academics/schools/naturalsciences/undergraduate/psychology/students/awards.php
http://www.scholarshiplibrary.com/wiki/Balambal_Palaniyandi_Memorial_Scholarship_(CUNY_Brooklyn_College)
**Columbia Southern University Scholarship**
(TUITION REDUCTION)

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- All members of service, spouses and children are eligible for 10% tuition reduction

Columbia Southern University, an online educational institution based in Orange Beach, Alabama, has announced it is now offering reduced tuition rates to all members of the service’ spouses and children for any program.

This program is NOT administered by the Department. For more information, please visit: www.columbiasouthern.edu

**Eugen Grabscheid Scholarship Fund**

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- Dependent child of any member of the service pursuing a degree in the medical profession (medical doctor, dentist, psychiatrist, psychologist, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, physical therapist, or veterinarian)
- Academic requirements
- Candidate must be presently enrolled in or accepted by an accredited college at either the undergraduate or graduate level
The New York City Police Foundation offers scholarships in varying amounts for qualified applicants. This award provides funding for studying full-time and are based on scholastic achievement, leadership and commitment to the medical profession, community service activities, and financial need. Any dependent child of an active, retired, or deceased civilian or uniformed member of the service is eligible. The Police Foundation processes this award through a new online system provided by the donor, The New York Community Trust.

This award is NOT administered by the Department. For more information, please email info@nycpolicefoundation.org or visit: http://www.nycpolicefoundation.org/programs/scholarships-professional-development/

The Hundred Year Association of New York E. Virgil Conway College Scholar Awards

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- Dependent child of a member of the service with at least two years of continuous, full-time service with gross family income less than $125,000 annually
- Academic requirements
- Vary depending on type of applicant

The Hundred Year Association of New York offers college scholarships for children of career civil service employees. The scholarships have ranged from $1,000 to $5,000 in the past, and change from year to year. Nominations for students are submitted directly to DCAS.

This award is NOT administered by the Department. The application period is announced annually via Department Bulletin. For more information, please visit: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/agencies/hundred-year-association-college-scholar-awards.page
Manfred Pakas Scholarship Fund

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- Dependent child of any uniformed member of the service who has died in the line of duty

- Academic requirements
  - Candidate must be presently enrolled in or accepted by an accredited college

These awards are based on academic excellence, financial need, and career interests. The New York City Police Foundation offers scholarships in varying amounts for qualified applicants. All eligible students are encouraged to apply. The Police Foundation processes this award through a new online system provided by the donor, The New York Community Trust.

This award is NOT administered by the Department. For more information, please email info@nycpolicefoundation.org or visit: http://www.nycpolicefoundation.org/programs/scholarships-professional-development/

New York’s Finest Foundation Scholarship Program

Requirements and eligibility:

- Applicants must be directly related to an active or retired member of the law enforcement community

This award is NOT administered by the Department. For more information, please visit: support@nyfinestfoundation.org
New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) – Public Sector Scholarship
UNDERGRADUATE

Requirements and eligibility:

• Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible

• Dependent child of any active uniformed member of the service

This new public sector scholarship is entitled “Children of Police Officer, Firefighters, EMT, and K-12 Teachers Award” and acknowledges the dedication of first responders and teachers throughout New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. The children must enter as an undergraduate full-time student in a first degree-granting program at the New York City or Long Island campus of NYIT. The award will cover up to 50% off of full-time undergraduate fall and spring semester tuition for no more than eight continuous full-time semesters of enrollment on any of NYIT’s 50-plus full time undergraduate programs. Other conditions may apply. Once students are admitted to NYIT they may apply for this award each year they are enrolled.

This award is processed by the Department. Please follow department Bulletin #128 issued 05-15-19 to file proper employment status for award application. The bulletin is also available on the OPD website. For more information on this program and special conditions, please visit: http://nyit.edu/pfet

Silver Shield Foundation Scholarship
UNDERGRADUATE

Requirements and eligibility:

• Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible

• Dependent child of any active civilian or uniformed member of the service who does not hold a supervisory position

• Academic requirements

• Candidate must be graduating from high school and beginning undergraduate level studies at an accredited four-year college the year of application
The Silver Shield Foundation honors the service given by members of the Department to the New York Community by awarding a scholarship in the amount of $5,000 a year, renewable annually for up to four years. Awardees are chosen via a lottery.

This award is NOT administered by the Department. The application period is announced annually via Department Bulletin.

The Silver Shield Foundation also provides educational support for children and widows of UMOS killed in the line of duty. For more information on these programs and awards, please visit: http://www.silvershieldfoundation.org

The Society of Honorary Police Surgeons Scholarship

GRADUATE

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
  - Dependent child or spouse of active or retired uniformed members of the service pursuing a degree in a health care related profession (e.g., medical, dental, nursing, physician assistants, clinical psychology)

- Academic requirements
  - Candidate must be presently enrolled in or accepted by an accredited graduate level program

The Society of Honorary Police Surgeons fund these scholarships in honor of former New York City Police Department Supervising Chief Surgeons, Dr. Clarence G. Robinson and Dr. Robert E. Thomas. Multiple scholarships are awarded with varying amounts for qualified applicants. For more information, please contact Dr. James Hale at: halespine@hotmail.com.

This award is NOT administered by the Department. However, the application period is announced annually via Department Bulletin.
The University of Chicago National Police and Fire Scholarship
UNDERGRADUATE

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- Dependent child of any current uniformed member of the service, remaining active for the duration of the child’s college career
- Dependent child of any uniformed member of the service who has died in the line of duty

The University of Chicago has been awarding police and fire scholarships to members of the City of Chicago Police and Fire Department since 1976. They expanded the scholarship nationally in 2018. Each winner is guaranteed full tuition for four years of undergraduate studies (12 academic quarters), provided he or she makes satisfactory academic progress and remains a full-time student at the University of Chicago.

This award is NOT administered by the Department. However, the application period is announced annually via Department Bulletin. Applicants must be accepted by the University of Chicago, in accordance with their admission requirements.

To learn more about the University of Chicago and how to apply for admission and scholarships, please visit: https://collegeadmissions.uchicago.edu/
Visiting Nurse Service of New York Scholarship Fund

Requirements and eligibility:

- Rank(s)/Title(s) eligible
- Dependent child of any uniformed member of the service who has died in a “non-line of duty” incident
- Academic requirements
  - Candidate must be presently enrolled in or accepted by an accredited college

While priority will be given to applicants pursuing a career in the health sciences, all eligible students, regardless of their field of study are encouraged to apply. These awards are based on academic excellence, financial need, and career interests. The New York City Police Foundation offers scholarships in varying amounts for qualified applicants.

This award is NOT administered by the Department. For more information, please email info to nycpolicefoundation.org or visit:
http://www.nycpolicefoundation.org/programs/scholarships-professional-development/