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Crow Wing County Sheriff Scott Goddard announced the commencement of the Law Enforcement Scholarship Program for 2021. Sheriff Goddard proudly announced that the Minnesota Sheriff's Association (MSA) Board of Directors has established a scholarship fund to award up to 15 - \$2,000 scholarships for this year. This year's award has been increased by 230% over past years. These scholarships are due to the coordinated efforts of the 87 Sheriffs of the State of Minnesota.

The Members of the MSA give special recognition to students' financial needs attending the peace officer skills course, or one of the two or four-year law enforcement degree colleges. "The Board of Directors feel peace officers in our democratic society have complex duties to perform," said Sheriff Goddard. The MSA recognizes the importance of pre-entry training for people considering law enforcement as their career choice. The MSA recognizes some students need outside help in meeting the costs of such training, even though they excel academically.

In making its selection of awards, the Scholarship Committee intends on achieving representation from all geographical areas of the state. Scholarship awards will be announced by December 29, 2021. Application forms and a statement of procedures are available at the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office website www.crowwing.us or by stopping by the office located at 304 Laurel Street in Brainerd. Scholarships are only available to students currently enrolled in one of the following three categories:

1. Mandated POST Skills Program
2. In their second year of a two-year law enforcement program.
3. In their third or fourth year of a four-year college criminal justice program.

Students must have completed at least one year of the two-year program or two years of a four-year program to qualify. Students meeting these criteria are invited to obtain a scholarship application form from their local sheriff's office or online at www.mnsheriffs.org.