



United States Park Police Foundation

Washington, DC

PART 1:

GUIDELINES: The United States Park Police Foundation (USPPF) intends to award a minimum of two college scholarships of \$1,000 each to a high school senior who will be attending any accredited institute of 'higher' learning (at the university, community or vocational level) in the United States. This year's award is for HS seniors entering their freshman year during the 2026/2027 school year. The United States Park Police Foundation offers detailed information about their scholarship awards and past recipients on the Scholarship website: www.USPPFoundation.org/scholarship/

- USPPF scholarships are available to students related to a United States Park Police Officer who is an Active Duty Officer or Line of Duty Death Officer. The student must be a biological child, step-child, or a legal ward of the USPP Officer. Examples of excluded relationships for a scholarship include but are not limited to: Aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, brother, or sister of the Officer or employee.
- USPPF will not consider scholarship applicants scheduled to receive "full-ride" scholarships (i.e. which include tuition, room, and board) from undergraduate schools. This prohibition includes those planning on attending any of the U.S. service academies because of the comprehensive financial packages provided by those institutions.
 - Student must have a minimum cumulative 3.0 grade point average.
 - Student must be accepted by an accredited university, college, or vocational school within the United States no later than May 8, 2026.

CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS: Applications will be judged on a combination of academic performance, letters of recommendation, activities and achievements, and an essay.

PROMOTING SCHOLARSHIP: The USPPF Scholarship will be promoted via broadcast email through various distribution lists including the USPPF website and Facebook page as well as through the USPP/FOP communications. Application forms and instructions will be posted on the USPPF website by March 8, 2026.

TIME LINE

March 8, 2026: Scholarship Applications available online

May 8, 2026: Application Deadline

May 2026: Blind application review begins

July 2026: Scholarship(s) Awarded

United States Park Police Foundation

Washington, DC

JUDGING APPLICATIONS

A selection committee will be created to review all applications. The committee will consist of outside reviewers (non-USPPF Board members, USPP Officers, or USPP employees). Applications will first be reviewed for completeness by one reviewer. Each application will be redacted (student names will be hidden, and each applicant will be assigned a number). The redacted applications will be forwarded to the selection committee for review. Members of the committee will score each application following established guidelines.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Each USPPF scholarship is a single award, presented to a high school senior. It is not “renewable.”
- Should there be a tie, the selection committee has the option of awarding multiple scholarships. The amounts may be equal (\$1,000) or 50% (\$500) to each awardee.
- USPPF recognizes this is a good faith effort and will not require documentation of how money was spent. Scholarship monies should be used towards tuition, room and board, or other education materials or fees.
- We encourage students to keep USPPF informed of their success in college.
- Scholarship recipient(s) agrees to reimburse USPPF amount of the scholarship awarded if he/she withdraws or is expelled during the scholarship period. The scholarship period is from the date the award is made through the end of the second semester of the institution attended. For example: 7/18/2026 (award date) through 5/15/2027 (end of 2nd semester)
- Scholarship applications may be obtained from the USPPF website.

PART 2

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All applications MUST include the following legible items and contain your name on each page:

1. The completed scholarship application
2. One (1) 500-word typed essay on the following topic: What are your life goals, and how will a “higher learning” degree help you reach them?
3. One (1) list (typed) of extracurricular activities, community service, and achievements, etc., the applicant has participated in during their high school years.
4. High School transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable).
5. Copy of your ACTUAL SAT and/or ACT scores that include your NAME, Date Taken, etc.
NOTE: If you are attending a Junior College or vocational school that does not require these tests, please indicate that on your application.

United States Park Police Foundation

Washington, DC

6. Letter of acceptance from an accredited University, College, or vocational school (copy is acceptable) within the United States.
7. One (1) letter of recommendation from an academic staff member (teacher or counselor)
8. One (1) letter of recommendation from a community leader (i.e. pastor, employer, coach, High School Faculty Club Advisor, etc.)
9. Letters of recommendation may be submitted with the entire application package or mailed/mailed separately (if sent through the post office, letters must be received within one week before the deadline). **Applicants are responsible** for ensuring their recommender has submitted their letter of recommendation. They may also contact us (USPPFoundation.org) to verify receipt of the letter. If both letters are not received by **May 8, 2026**, the application will be considered incomplete and applicant will no longer be eligible.
10. Scholarship applications will only be processed *after all* requirements are met.

PART 3

APPLICATION

CONTACT INFO: Name (first, middle initial, last – and preferred name if different than first):

Mailing Address:

USPP Family Member Name, Title, Duty Location:

Relationship to applicant: (i.e. mother, step-father, etc.): _____

Parent Email: _____

United States Park Police Foundation

Washington, DC

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the statements made in this application, are correct to the best of my knowledge. I further agree that I will use the proceeds of any scholarship award solely to defray my educational expenses. To the best of my knowledge, I meet the requirements of eligibility to receive a scholarship award, as defined by the United States Park Police Foundation Scholarship Committee.

Signature of Student

(you may type your name)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

(you may type your name)

HIGH SCHOOL

High School:

City/State (or country):

My cumulative GPA: _____ Select one: Weighted GPA _____ Non-Weighted GPA _____

9th Grade GPA: ___ 10th Grade GPA: ___ 11th Grade GPA: ___ 12th Grade/1st Sem GPA: ___

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION PLANS

Post-Secondary Institution you plan to attend:

Your application to this school: Accepted ___ Pending* ___ (* if pending, please send us a copy upon acceptance **No Later Than May 8, 2026.**)

Your career objective:

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

United States Park Police Foundation

Washington, DC

Recommendation letters are required. One letter must be from high school academic staff and one from a community leader (i.e. pastor, employer, coach, club sponsor, etc.). List names and addresses of the two persons you have asked to send a letter of recommendation. These persons may not be relatives. Recommenders may send their letters to us separately via email or mail. PLEASE ensure your Recommenders are aware of the DEADLINE.

1) High School Academic Staff Member

Name:

Title:

Email:

2) Community Leader

Name:

Title:

Email:

Completed applications may be sent via mail or email: Electronically delivered or post-marked by **midnight (11:59pm), May 8, 2026.**

MAIL TO:

United States Park Police Foundation Scholarship Committee
PO Box 272
Clifton, VA 20124

Email: Scholarship@usppfoundation.org

Quick Check List: DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: May 8, 2026

- ✓ Completed Application
- ✓ 500-word essay
- ✓ List of Extracurricular Activities, Community Service, etc.
- ✓ High School Transcript
- ✓ SAT and/or ACT Scores (if you do not enclose these scores, you must affirm the institution you plan to attend does not require them)
- ✓ Letters of Acceptance from University, College, or Vocational School
- ✓ Letter or Recommendation – Academic Staff Member
- ✓ Letter or Recommendation – Community Leader