



VALDEZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

Education Advancement Scholarship *“Moving minds and lives further down a path to success”*

PURPOSE OF AWARD

The Valdez Police Department enjoys an extraordinary relationship with Valdez City Schools. This relationship is evidenced by a tangible extension of the department’s mission: *to provide excellent service and protection through leadership and partnership with the community*. To this end, the police department offers continued support to qualifying high school graduates in Valdez through financial assistance for those graduates seeking higher-learning opportunities. The department is pleased that you have not only committed yourself to graduate high school, but that you have the courage to pursue your goals with the assistance of an institution of higher education. You have the department’s support and admiration. Thank you for applying for this scholarship.

AWARD AMOUNT

1. The scholarship is (1) \$1,500 award dedicated to tuition and/or housing costs.
2. Disbursements will be allocated directly to the recipient’s school or housing authority.
3. Award winners must provide proof of enrollment in a college, university, or trade school before September 20th of the award year.

METHOD OF SELECTION

1. All entries will be reviewed by the VPD Scholarship Committee.
2. The winner will be chosen based on adherence to, and performance in, the scholarship criteria below.

CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

1. The applicant must be a **graduating high school senior** enrolled in Valdez City Schools, or a home school program in the city limits of Valdez, during the current Valdez City Schools calendar year.
2. The applicant must be of **good character**. For the purposes of this scholarship, the definition of “good character” is personal conduct in keeping with the core values of the Valdez Police Department:
INTEGRITY, RESPECT, PROFESSIONALISM, and VALOR
3. The applicant must include one **letter of recommendation** from a Valdez School District educator/administrator, coach, religious leader, employer, or a reputable mentor (not a relative).
4. A current **high school transcript** (grades 9-12) must be submitted with the application. For transfer students, a copy of their high school transcript(s) must be included from previous high schools attended. A minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 (unweighted) is required of all applicants.

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5. The applicant must possess an **acceptance letter to an accredited** college, university, or trade school prior to award disbursements.
6. The applicant must **complete** and **sign** the application; a parent’s signature is required if under 18.
7. All required items described herein must be submitted at the same time prior to the entry deadline in the following order with the application check-off sheet attached to the outside of a sealed envelope: **1**-signed application filled out electronically (pages 1-6), **2**-recommendation letter, **3**-high school transcript(s), **4**-copy of acceptance letter, and **5**-essay. No partial application submissions will be accepted.
8. All application criteria must be **complete and true** or the application will be rejected.
9. The essay must be **double-spaced**; in **Times New Roman** font - size **12**; and **at least 500** words but no more than **1200**. The essay **MUST BE YOUR OWN WORK** and describe/address the following topics and questions in a continuous and fluid essay format:
 - A. Your intended institution of higher education, why you made this choice, and what you are looking forward to the most about that particular institution.
 - B. Your career path and how this institution/program will help you accomplish your life goals.
 - C. Other than potentially this scholarship, how has the Valdez Police Department helped you to become a successful young adult? Cite specific examples if possible.
 - D. How can the Valdez police department do a better job of helping students be successful?
10. Students who are children or dependents of Valdez Police Department employees, or children of dependents of active members of this scholarship’s review committee, are not eligible to apply.
11. Entry deadline for completed scholarship packets is **on or before May 1st** of the current year.

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

All required documents described herein must be **hand-delivered**, by the applicant, in a sealed envelope that does not require folding of the enclosed contents, to the police department prior to the deadline. Incomplete applications will be rejected. Use the application check-off sheet when submitting your application to indicate all required documents are included. Attach the check-off sheet to the outside of the sealed envelope. **The Valdez Police Department is located at 212 Chenega Avenue, Valdez, AK 99686.** Contact the on-duty dispatcher by picking up the police phone in the lobby and notifying him/her you wish to turn in your scholarship application packet.

PERSONAL DATA (These fields must be filled electronically)

1. Name: _____
 First Middle Last
2. Address: _____
 Street PO Box City State Postal Code
3. Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ Non-weighted Cumulative GPA: _____
 (mm/dd/yyyy)

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4. Applicant Contact Info: (____) _____ (____) _____ _____
Home Phone Cell Phone E-mail Address

5. How and when did you learn about this scholarship?

6. Name of Guardian (if you are under 18): _____ (____) _____
First Last Phone Number

7. Previous high school(s): _____
(Include Transcripts) Name Street City, State Postal Code

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SHORT NARRATIVE RESPONSES (These fields must be filled electronically)

1. Describe a real situation when you displayed good character (INTEGRITY, RESPECT, PROFESSIONALISM, and/or VALOR) and tell why good character mattered in that situation:

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2. Honors/awards you have received:

3. Indicate your course of most interest during high school; briefly describe how the teacher kept your interest:

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7. Describe how receiving this scholarship could help you and/or your family financially:

Student Signature	Date	Guardian Signature (if under 18)	Date
(Hand signature)		(Hand signature)	

The Valdez Police Department thanks you for applying for this scholarship – Good luck!