Montezuma County Sheriff's Office Scholarship Program 2022

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To:	All Secondary Schools in Montezuma County School Staff & Counselors
From:	Montezuma County Sheriff's Office Scholarship Director – Cindy Ramsay
Date:	January 25, 2022
RE:	Montezuma County Sheriff's Office 2022 Scholarship Fund

Scholarship

This is to notify you of the fourth annual Montezuma County Sheriff's Office Scholarship Fund for graduating senior students in Montezuma County. The scholarship award is for \$1000 dollars for the selected applicant. This award is only for students that will further their education in the State of Colorado. Use the grant application from the Montezuma County Sheriff's Office.

Program Philosophy Statement

The Montezuma County Sheriff's Office has established a scholarship program for 2022. This effort is a meaningful expression of the Sheriffs' confidence in and respect for education and training. We consider this an investment in the future and we believe that we are helping to provide deserving students with an opportunity to make a positive contribution to society as a whole.

Disbursement of Funds

Checks will only be made out and sent to the college or school of the winner's enrollment after they have gone through the college the school's financial department with their letter of award.

Eligibility Criteria

- Participants must reside in and presently attend high school in Montezuma County and must plan to further their education by attending a school in the State of Colorado.
- No preference is given based on the student's choice of a technical or trade school, college/university or their financial need
- Any permanent legal resident of Montezuma County who is a graduating senior high school student and who plans to enroll in a vocational training program or institution of

higher learning within the state of Colorado as a full-time or part-time student for the 2022 school year is eligible.

- There shall be no restrictions as to the course of study or training pursued. No restrictions shall be placed by reason of race, creed, color, age, sex or national origin.
- We will only consider applicants that apply using the Montezuma County Sheriff's Office Scholarship application form.

Use of Funds

- Award is to be used in the following semester after being received.
- Award may be used for room, board, tuition, books and fees.

Application Process & Criteria

- The application must include an original transcript.
- The application must also include a 500-word count typed essay. This essay must include a statement why they believe they are qualified for this scholarship, their academic interests and other accomplishments, and how this scholarship will aid them in their future academic efforts and their future goals.
- Applicants must maintain good standing at the school they choose to attend.

Scholarship Selection Criteria Include

We are looking for students who have been actively involved in their schools and communities and who have demonstrated leadership, initiative and high level of involvement throughout their high school careers.

- Scholastic Ability
- Evidence of Potential Leadership
- Service to Community and School
- Outstanding Character
- Letters (2) of recommendations from associates, teachers, employers, coaches or mentors.
- Any other criteria that the Review Board may consider.

The Montezuma County Sheriff's Office Award recipient may attend a school based upon their personal needs, future goals, intended field of study and individual preference. We suggest students tour the schools, visit with faculty and students, and research the wide variety of honors, leadership and research programs available at these institutions before making a commitment to any on school.

Application

Applicants submitting other forms will be disqualified. Applications must be obtained through our website at www.montezumasheriff.org or the application may be emailed to you upon request: <u>cramsay@so.montezuma.co.us</u>. Both are due on February 28, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

- Hand delivery Montezuma County Sheriff's Office Attention Cindy Ramsay at 730 E. Driscoll, Cortez, CO 81321. No later than February 28, 2022 before 4:30 o'clock PM.
- Mailing postmarked on or before February 28, 2022 and sent to Montezuma County Sheriff's Office Attention Cindy Ramsay, 730 E. Driscoll, Cortez, CO 81321.
- Email February 28, 2022 by midnight: <u>cramsay@so.montezuma.co.us</u>.

We appreciate you helping us communicate this scholarship opportunity. If we can be of assistance in forwarding this information to your staff, please do not hesitate to call the Scholarship Director, Cindy Ramsay, 970-739-3566 (cell). Contact Cindy Ramsay to have both applications emailed to you. The applications forms will also be posted on our website at <u>www.montezumasheriff.org.</u>

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2022 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- 1/28/2022 Send scholarship packets to educational institutions and sheriffs' offices and updates website. Send copy to IT for webpage.
- 1/28/2022 Sheriffs submit news release articles to local media announcing scholarship program
- 2/28/2022 Scholarship applications due in sheriffs' offices for selection committee to review.
- **3/8/2022** Board to review paperwork on scholarship winner & two alternates.
- 3/14/2022 MCSO prepares award letters & certificates for sheriffs' presentations to recipients
- 3/15/2022 Schedule time to award certificate to winner. And get ready to submit news release on county winner to local media with photo. Working with schools on graduation and award ceremonies.

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MCSO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Obtaining an Application (application is also below this document)

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Selection

Applications received by the Montezuma County Sheriff's Office will be reviewed by a citizens committee selected by the Sheriff. The committee will select one scholarship recipient and one alternate in the case the scholarship recipient cannot complete his/her education choice by the next school semester.

Announcement of Awards

The final selection process will be completed in time to allow the award announcement at the school that the scholarship recipient attends and alternate attends at the Awards Program event. Awards will be presented to recipients by Sheriff Steve Nowlin.

Additional Questions

All questions or inquiries regarding the Montezuma County Sheriff's Office scholarship program should be directed to the scholarship coordinator, Cindy Ramsay.

Email cramsay@so.montezuma.co.us Phone 970-564-4968 (Office) 970-739-3566 (Cell)

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Application for the 2022 Montezuma County Sheriff's Office Scholarship

Name:
Parent(s) Name(s):
Are you a resident of Montezuma County?
Permanent address:
Home phone number ()
High School that you will graduate from:

Add all of the following information listed to your application:

- List campus and community organizations to which you belong. List leadership roles when applicable.
- Submit a 500-word typed statement relative to your educational and vocational goals. You should include what your plans and aspirations are for the future and what values you hold to be important in your development.
- Scholastic Ability
- Evidence of Potential Leadership
- Service to Community and School
- Outstanding Character
- Submit a current transcript
- Submit **two** letters of recommendation

Call or email any questions on the application that you may have. The scholarship winner and the alternate will be notified at their schools Award Program event or alternate event.

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