

Saint Louis Police Wives Association

Margaret Hacker Scholastic Assistance Program

History: Margaret Hacker was the wife of St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Officer Raymond Hacker, who tragically died in the line of duty on June 11, 1948. Two automobiles struck Officer Hacker on June 5, 1948 while rerouting traffic around live wires blown down during a storm. Officer Hacker succumbed to his injuries six days later. At the time of his death, Margaret and Raymond had four small children ranging from ages 1 1/2 – 12 years old. After his death, Margaret received \$96 from the Police Department. To care for her children, she moved in with her parents; where she remained and eventually learned how to drive and got a job. Shortly after the St. Louis Police Wives' Association was formed, she joined and held the job of Secretary for many years and kept the organization going. Margaret was an active member of Police Wives' until her death in 2001. Many times, Margaret mentioned how she wished Police Wives' existed when she was going through the death of her husband.

Each year, the St. Louis Police Wives' Association distributes scholarships for our Margaret Hacker Scholastic Assistance Program in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hacker. This program was formed to assist police officers' families with the expenses that come with education.

To Qualify:

- Dependent applicants must be a biological child, adopted child, or stepchild of an active, retired, or deceased Law Enforcement Officer in Missouri or Illinois or an active SLPWA member. The student must be currently enrolled in a public, private or home-school K-12 program.
- College/trade school applicants must provide schedule/registration for the following term.
- If applying for the Officer category: must be an active LEO in good standing.
- All applicants must represent a willingness to learn.
- All applicants must complete the application form.
- Complete the requirements for your entry level.

To Apply:

Complete the application form and ensure it is attached to submission. Use this year's topical question (listed below) to complete the requirements for your entry level. Turn in all required documents no later than May 31, 2021. Electronic submissions are preferred via info@slpwa.org. Paper submissions will be accepted via mail.

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Topical for 2021/22: How has your experience as a police family member helped you achieve your goals and enriched your abilities as a learner?

- Grades K-2: Explain and/or illustrate using a medium (paper or electronic) of your choice. (Note: We must be able to access the software to view your completed submission.)
- Grades 3-5: Complete a 300-word essay.
- Grades 6-8: Complete a 600-word essay.
- Grades 9-12: Complete a 1000-word essay.
- Dependent- College or Trade School: Complete a 1200-word essay.
- Spouse- College or Trade School: Complete a 1500-word essay.
- ***NEW this year*** Officer Category: Complete a 1500-word essay about how your experience as a LEO will help you achieve your future educational goals.

Do not put your name on/in your essay, only on the application form.

Awarding Process:

- Judging is done on an anonymous basis and will not be done according to income, race, or department affiliation.
- Winners will be announced by June 30, 2021. *via requested notification method
- Tiered awarding for the value of each scholarship is disbursed based on current available funding.
- Scholarship may be used for any expense in the pursuit of education.
- Winning submissions will be gifted to the Hacker Family as a memento of this years' program applicants.

SLPWA M. Hacker Scholastic Program Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Police officer's name: _____

Police officer's Department/Agency: _____

Grade entering for the 2021/22 Academic year: _____

How did you hear about the scholarship? _____

Preferred notification method for receipt of application: Call or Email.

Preferred notification method if selected as a winner: Call or Email.

Applicant or Parent/Guardian of minor applicant: Please sign below indicating that you agree and accept that applicants' first name only will be listed as a winner in our members' only newsletter and that applicant's submitted item will not be returned. To decline your name being listed, check here _____.

Signature: _____

Date: _____