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2026 Scholarship Application

Application Procedure

1. Print application from SCLEOA website at www.scleoa.org.
2. Complete application in its entirety.
3. Prepare an essay of a minimum of 1,000 words, double spaced. The applicant may reference surveys, current events, magazine and/or newspaper articles, personal interviews, as well as expressing personal opinions.

Essay Topic:

The debate surrounding local law enforcement's role in immigration enforcement is a complex and divisive issue. Cooperation often depends on the political makeup of local government. This scholarship assignment will be to complete a discursive opinion essay on local law enforcement assisting ICE with immigration enforcement. This should include the following:

- The case for local law enforcement cooperation with ICE
 - The case against local law enforcement cooperation with ICE
 - A conclusion indicating the writer's opinion on the topic
4. Include a bibliography of any cited sources.
 5. Furnish the completed application to your principal, headmaster or guidance counselor of your school for his/her recommendation.
 6. Include a copy of your high school transcript with the application.
 7. Send all materials to:

SCLEOF Scholarship Award
PO Box 210709
Columbia, SC 29221-0709

Qualifications/Eligibility

1. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior in South Carolina.
2. The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the applicant must have been a legal resident of South Carolina for at least one year.
3. The applicant must have the recommendation of his/her principal, headmaster or guidance counselor.
4. The scholarship recipient must attend college, university, or technical school in South Carolina.
5. The applicant must be of good moral character and reputation.
6. All essays become the property of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officer's Foundation.
7. There is no discrimination as to race, color, religion, gender or national origin.

Method of Selection

1. The Scholarship Committee of the SCLEOA will make its selections based upon the application submitted by the student, his/her essay and by personal interview should the student be selected as a semi-finalist.
2. Six semi-finalists will be selected by the Scholarship Committee.
3. The semi-finalists will be invited to meet with the Scholarship Committee in Columbia for a personal interview.
4. Scholarship winners will be notified by the end of the school year.

Applicants that fail to follow all procedures and meet all qualifications will be disqualified.
****Please do NOT print double-sided, bind, or staple your application and essay.**

Three Awards will be presented totaling \$7,000
One \$3,000 award – two \$2,000 awards for students
(One of the \$2,000 student awards will be presented to the child of an SCLEOA member)

Completed application and essay must be received or postmarked
by **Friday, February 13, 2026**
No faxed or emailed copies will be accepted.