



The Christopher Darby Ray
Memorial Scholarship Foundation
PO Box 382
Courtland, VA 23837

Mission and Background

The Christopher D. Ray Public Safety Memorial Scholarship, founded in 2011, is a \$1,000 grant available to a high school senior who plans to enter a course of study in a public safety field at either a community college or a four-year college or university or to a college student currently enrolled. Public safety majors include criminal justice (not pre-law), fire science, and paramedic/emergency medicine.

This scholarship honors Christopher D. Ray, a Southampton County deputy sheriff who lost his life in the line of duty on August 29, 2009. Funds for the scholarship have been provided through a fishing tournament fundraiser and through generous donations from Christopher's friends and family, as well as from citizens who recognize the need for qualified public safety workers.

Christopher graduated from Radford University in May 2009 with a degree in criminal justice, and had been a deputy sheriff for three months prior to his death. He loved his job, his co-workers, and his community. He was a sportsman who had a special love of the Nottoway River, where he avidly spent time hunting and fishing with friends and family. This scholarship will honor Christopher's commitment to a career in public safety by assisting a deserving student in achieving his or her educational goals.



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Scholarship Application Checklist

1. Application Complete
2. Two letters of recommendation
3. Majoring in Public Safety, Criminal Justice, Fire Science, or Emergency Medical Services
4. Attending an accredited College or University
5. Application deadline 05/12/2017
6. Essays attached
7. High School transcript attached (*incoming college freshmen only*)
8. S.A.T. scores attached (*incoming college freshman only*)
9. Proof of acceptance from accredited College or University attached (*incoming college freshman only*)
10. Copy of grades attached (*currently enrolled college students only*)



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Christopher D. Ray Public Safety Memorial Scholarship Application Form

To be completed by the applicant. Please type or print in black ink.

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| Name (First, MI, Last): | | |
| Home Street Address: | | |
| City: | State: | ZIP: |
| Telephone No.: | | Resident Sheriff: |
| E-mail address: | | |
| Are you a child/spouse of an active or retired public safety officer: Circle: YES NO | | |
| If yes, what agency? | | |

Education

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| High School Name | | |
| High School Address (City, State) | | |
| College / University Attending: | | |
| College Street Address: | | |
| City: | State: | ZIP: |
| Indicate your class status by circling the correct answer below: | | |
| Freshman | Sophomore | Junior Senior Graduate |
| Declared Major | | Declared Minor |
| Will you be enrolled as a full-time or part-time student: Circle: Full-time Part-time | | |



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ESSAYS AND INFORMATION

On a separate sheet of paper, please write two short essays.

1. Discuss (a) your proposed course of college study, (b) how you reached this decision, (c) what you expect to gain from college, and (d) your personal goals and ambitions.
2. As an applicant you live in rural southeastern Virginia. What do you value about living in rural community, and how has this shaped you as a person?

Be thoughtful in developing your essays. These essays are your opportunity to convey your motivations and personal characteristics to members of the committee making the scholarship decision

***Please attach your high school records and SAT scores (freshman applicants only) or your college records, indicating your grade point average.**

***Please attach a letter of acceptance or other proof of acceptance from the college/university you plan to attend.**

***Please attach two (2) letters of recommendations.**

***You may be contacted for an interview should the need arise**

I believe myself eligible for the *Christopher D. Ray Public Safety Memorial Scholarship* program and certify that all information contained in this application is complete and true.

I understand that the decisions of the committee in the selection of the scholarship recipients will be final.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent or Guardian
(Applicants less than 18 years old)

Date

Date

Please return the completed application with essay and attachments to:

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2017 Scholarship Application