



2024 Richard T. Schoonover II Memorial Scholarship Application

To honor the memory and service of Richard T. Schoonover II, the Rick “Schoonie” Schoonover Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to the most deserving high school senior with a family member that is part of Virginia Beach law enforcement. The amount of the scholarship is \$2,500, and its purpose will be to defray the cost of continuing higher education.

Background

Rick “Schoonie” Schoonover was a long time resident of Virginia Beach who spent the majority of his adult life in service to his community as a Virginia Beach Police officer, Sheriff’s deputy, and volunteer. Schoonie joined the Virginia Beach Police Department in 1978, where he proudly served in several capacities and eventually rose to the rank of Sergeant. In 1999, he transitioned to the Virginia Beach Sheriff’s Department, from which he retired in 2006 as the Chief Deputy. Schoonie was also devoted to physical fitness, and was an integral member of the Yuengling Shamrock Marathon Committee, where he was a major contributor to the phenomenal success for which the annual Virginia Beach tradition is known today. Schoonie left this life too soon on November 1, 2012.

Scholarship Eligibility

Specific eligibility requirements are:

- Family member must be a current or former Virginia Beach law enforcement official
- Demonstrated high standards of honesty, morality, integrity, character, compassion, and service to the community
- High school senior in good academic standing who has been accepted to any institution of higher learning
- Participation in the Yuengling Shamrock Marathon weekend, either as a participant or a volunteer, strongly recommended
- Current grade point average of 3.0 (B) or better
- Recommendation by at least one non-family member adult

Application Submission

Eligible candidates must complete and submit the attached application **no later than February 23, 2024**. The following documents must be included with the application:

- personal essay
- copy of current high school transcript
- letter of recommendation from at least one non-family member adult

Completed application packages must be mailed to:

J&A Racing
Attn: Scholarship Fund
3601 Shore Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Richard T. Schoonover II Memorial Scholarship Application

Full Name : _____ Date of birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

School: _____ Current gpa (attach transcript): _____

Law Enforcement Parent Full Name: _____

Parent Address: _____ Parent Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____

In the following space, please outline the affiliation of your family member(s) with Virginia Beach Law Enforcement, to include years of service:

In the following space, please outline your personal involvement with the Yuengling Shamrock Marathon Weekend. Be specific as to when and where you were involved, and differentiate between your participation as a runner and your volunteer service. You may attach extra sheets if required.

Application Essay

Include with your application a personal essay explaining why you should be selected as the 2024 Rick “Schoonie” Schoonover Memorial Scholarship recipient. Keep in mind the selection criteria of honesty, morality, integrity, character, compassion, and service to the community. Your essay must be typed, double-spaced, and 500 words or fewer.

Letter of Recommendation

Include with your application a letter of recommendation from at least one adult who is not a family member (e.g. teacher, coach, clergy, neighbor, etc.), and who does not have any affiliation with J&A Racing.

Letters must be sent/given to you to include with your application, they should not be sent directly to J&A Racing! You may include as many letters as you choose.

Questions?

If you have questions concerning your application package, please contact Jerry Frostick at jerry@jandaracing.com.

Application Package Checklist:

1. Application _____
2. Personal essay _____
3. Current transcript _____
4. Letter(s) of recommendation _____