

Bruce Bellom Law Enforcement Scholarship

Awarded by the Rotary Club of Peekskill Foundation, Inc.

The Bruce Bellom Law Enforcement Scholarship was established in memory of Westchester County Police Sergeant and Peekskill Rotarian Bruce Bellom. This scholarship is to provide financial support to students who plan to pursue a career in police work, corrections, or other criminal justice fields. This scholarship honors Bruce's 34 year law enforcement career with the Westchester County Police Department. He took such pride in his work and was a true hero to so many. He taught us that public service is noble and necessary; that one can serve with integrity and hold true to the important values. He strongly believed that it was important to give back to the community.

This scholarship is designed to recognize students who demonstrate a similar passion for public service and who demonstrate academic potential, leadership, and financial need. Two \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded.

Eligibility Requirements

- A demonstrated desire and a plan to pursue a career in police work, corrections or other criminal justice fields. Law school students are not eligible
- Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Current graduating senior or graduate of Peekskill High School, Panas High School, or Hendrick Hudson High School.
- Enrollment in a two- or four-year college, University or police academy as a full-time student
- Demonstrated commitment of service to community, school and family.
- Application Deadline April 22, 2023

Required Application Documents

Applicants are required to submit the following application documents to be considered for the Bruce Bellom Law Enforcement Scholarship.

1. Personal Statement

Submit your personal statement of 500-750 words that includes the following prompts:

- Describe your long-term goals for a career in law enforcement/criminal justice and how furthering your education will assist you in reaching those goals.

- Comment on the personal characteristics, educational, extracurricular activities, and community involvement that have helped prepare you for college and a career in the law enforcement/criminal justice field.
- Reflect on your personal journey (significant accomplishments, challenges and/or hardships) and any life lessons that you think will or have help(ed) you succeed in college.
- Describe why you believe you are a good candidate for the Bruce Bellom Law Enforcement Scholarship.

Two Letters of Recommendation

Your two letters of recommendation must be signed and dated. Recommendations may be from:

- A teacher or academic advisor on school letterhead; and
- A volunteer or work supervisor, community leader or personal acquaintance. (Volunteer or work supervisor letters must be on the organization's letterhead. Personal acquaintance letters cannot come from parents or relatives.)

Letters of recommendation which were written for other scholarship or college applications can be submitted, but must be for the current year.

Unofficial or Official Transcripts of Grades

Unofficial or official transcripts are to be submitted with application.

**Please send completed application to:
Linda Belger
119 Benefield BLVD
Peekskill, NY 10566**

