

The Jaimie Cox Memorial Scholarship



Officer Jaimie Cox, a Hononegah Community High School graduate, lost his life on November 5, 2017, while serving and protecting the community of Rockford, Illinois. Jaimie also proudly served in the United States National Guard. Jaimie was a kind, hardworking, integral individual who selflessly dedicated his life to serving others. The objective of this scholarship is to honor Jaimie's memory by awarding an individual with a similar work ethic; one who is committed to the service of others as Jaimie was. This scholarship will be awarded to a HCHS senior student, interested in pursuing a career in emergency services in the following areas: Law Enforcement, Fire Sciences, Emergency Medical Technician, or Nursing. The Jaimie Cox Memorial Scholarship was established by the Rockton Police Association (R.P.A.), and Caitlin Cox & Family.

SCHOLARSHIP RULES AND CRITERIA:

1. The R.P.A. will award two (2) scholarships of \$1,000.00 each.
2. Participants must be enrolled, and expected to graduate from Hononegah Community High School.
3. Have an unweighted high school G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher.
4. To receive a scholarship, the participant must be planning on further education for a career in Law Enforcement, Fire Sciences, Emergency Medical Technician, or Nursing. The scholarship must be applied only to the expenses of schooling for the ensuing academic year (tuition, room and board, and/or other educational expenses).
5. Participant must be of outstanding moral character.
6. Participant should have active involvement in both school and community events, and programs.
7. Participant enlisted in the military will receive five (5) additional preference points. Proof of enlistment required at the time of application submission.
8. All candidates must submit the completed application form, with all of the checklist items, to the HCHS Student Support Services **by the end of the day on April 11th, 2025.**
9. All materials are required to complete a candidate's application. A panel of R.P.A. members, in addition to members of the Jaimie Cox Family, will review the materials. If needed, the finalists may be contacted and scheduled for a personal interview (one half hour).
10. Scholarship recipient will be notified no later than the first week in May. The scholarship will be paid directly to your college upon confirming enrollment. The recipient must provide proof of enrollment, and acceptance, into the college. In order to receive the benefit of the scholarship, the recipient must provide the name of the College/University, and where the check should be sent to the RPA President, Sergeant Nicole Helser, 110 E. Main Street, Rockton, IL 61072 by July 31st, 2025.

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CHECKLIST OF ITEMS TO SUBMIT:

1. Completed application emailed or hand delivered to Officer Emily Harrison (Harrison@rocktonpolice.org)
2. Official transcript from the current school year. Official transcripts can be emailed directly or hand delivered to Officer Emily Harrison (harrison@rocktonpolice.org) and should be received by the application due date of 4/11/25.
3. A typed, personal essay with at least 500 words, telling us about yourself, your future goals, and how you identify with Jaimie Cox. Explain why you are choosing a career in Law Enforcement, Fire Sciences, Emergency Medical Technician, or Nursing. Include comments that will help the committee evaluate your financial need for the scholarship.
4. Typed written list of the following:
 - A. Extra-curricular activities—include participation dates and activities completed, and positions held. Please use 9, 10, 11, 12 to identify the school years in participation.
 - B. Civic, community and/or church activities. Include name of organization, participation dates, and activities completed and position held.
 - C. Awards and honors received.
 - D. Employment history, including company; position, dates employed, and hours worked, if applicable.
5. Two typed letters of recommendation. These letters should not be written by family members.
6. Proof of military enlistment (if applicable).

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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Have you ever been arrested? YES or NO If yes, please type an explanation on a separate attached page.

Are you enlisted in the armed forces? YES or NO If yes, ACTIVE or RESERVES.

Branch: _____ Rank: _____ MOS: _____

FAMILY AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Parent's marital status: _____ Married / Separated / Divorced

If parents are separated or divorced, please indicate address of non-residential parent:

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FAMILY INFORMATION:

Father's Occupation: _____

Father's Employer: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____

Mother's Employer: _____

Siblings Names and Ages: _____

Total number of persons in household attending college: _____

Parents adjusted gross income: _____

Indicate, as a dollar amount, and explain any unusual financial circumstance that will impact the family's resources during the next year (I.E., anticipated medical/dental needs, other parents/children in college): _____

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EDUCATION:

Cumulative G.P.A.: _____

College /University Attending or anticipating to attend:

Major: _____

Minor: _____

ANTICIPATED SCHOOL COSTS:

Tuition: _____

Books: _____

Room and Board: _____

Other Expenses: _____

Total Expenses: _____

I certify the statements made on this application, and all supporting documents, are true to the best of my knowledge. I grant permission for the information to be shared with the R.P.A. scholarship selection committee:

Student's signature

Parent's signature (if applicant is under 18)