

RESPONSIBILITY

AS THE APPLICANT

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY:

To make sure that the application is complete and meets the deadline. Failure to do so will disallow consideration of your application.

Please review your application with your high school counselor for accuracy.

Completed information is to be delivered or mailed to:

Urban League of Northwest Indiana, Inc.
3101 Broadway
Gary, IN 46409

The application is to be sealed in an envelope that clearly states on the front:

**SHERIFF OSCAR MARTINEZ
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**



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Northwest Indiana, Inc.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE
APRIL 11, 2018—2:00 P.M.**



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SHERIFF OSCAR MARTINEZ SCHOLARSHIP

Sheriff Oscar Martinez Jr. is a lifelong resident of Lake County Indiana. He was born in Gary and raised in East Chicago, Indiana. Oscar currently lives in St. John, Indiana with his wife of 24 years (married 1994), Melissa, and their 3 children: Alyssa 23, Amanda 21 and Oscar Martinez III 19.

Sheriff Oscar Martinez attended Washington High School (Senators) and graduated from Central High School in 1989. Sheriff Martinez graduated from Robert Morris University in Chicago, IL with a degree in Computerized Business and Accounting. In 2007, he completed Northwestern University Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command Course in Lansing, IL.

Graduating from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in 1993, Sheriff Oscar Martinez is a veteran of the Lake County Sheriff's Department of over 25 years. He began his service in the Patrol Division and has since worked in multiple divisions of the Lake County Sheriff's Department including as an undercover Task Force Officer with the Drug Enforcement Administration. Over the years, Oscar has progressed from Patrolman to Corporal to Sergeant to Lieutenant to Deputy Commander of the Lake County Drug Task Force and has blessed and honored to be elected a Lake County Sheriff in September of 2017.

Oscar Martinez Is Committed To Our Community

He is the President of the St. John Girls Softball League (15 years), the President of the South Town Youth Softball League (10 years) and the former Vice President Lake Central Youth Basketball (5 years). Oscar is also a member of the Quad Town Youth Softball League Program. For the past 25 years he has been an active member of the Lake County Police Union (AFL-CIO) and an active member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Oscar has received multiple Officer of the Year awards and recognition throughout his career along with specialized training. It is important that law enforcement officials be educated and, to that end, this scholarship is established for graduating Lake County High School Seniors planning to major in criminal justice and/or a related field to meet the cost of their educational expenses. Based on the content of the essay, financial need and community involvement, one (1) non-renewable scholarship will be awarded to two (2) students in the amount of \$500.00 each.

A committee comprised of representatives of the Lake County Sheriff's Department and the Urban League of Northwest Indiana will select recipients based on the established criteria.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants for the Sheriff Oscar Martinez Scholarship must have documented proof of the following:

- Must be a graduate of a Lake County, Indiana high school and a resident of Lake County, Indiana
- Must have a letter of acceptance for the next school year from an accredited college or university
- Must have participated in extracurricular, community, and volunteer activities while in high school
- Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of "B", defined as a **2.5** on a 4.0 grading scale for the applicants' entire high school career
- Must plan to major in criminal justice, pre-law, law enforcement, forensics or a related field
- Must be able to prove financial need

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To Apply

To apply for consideration for the Scholarship, the applicant must complete and submit the following documentation:

1. The Urban League General Scholarship Application form.
2. An essay not to exceed 500 words on "How I can enhance the quality of life in Lake County by serving and protecting my community through excellent law enforcement services", and why the **Scholarship** would assist you in achieving your aspirations.
3. An official transcript of grades from a Lake County, Indiana high school.
4. A one-page resume that details your skills, interests and experiences. It should also highlight your affiliations, community service, and any honors or awards you have received.
5. **Two** brief letters of recommendation; one from a high school faculty member and the other from an adult who can attest to your personal character, community service and volunteer activities.