

THE JERRY T. MAHONEY D.A.R.E. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This scholarship Program is for the children of D.A.R.E. New Jersey certified Officers throughout New Jersey. The Scholarship was developed by the D.A.R.E. New Jersey Board of Directors in honor of Jerry T. Mahoney, who passed away on December 27, 2007. Jerry was a dedicated and committed D.A.R.E. Officer and member of the D.A.R.E. New Jersey Board of Directors. We will award two \$2500 scholarships.

ELIGIBILITY

- Candidates must be the child of a current or past D.A.R.E. New Jersey certified Officer.
- Candidates must be graduating high school seniors from a public, private, or home education program and New Jersey residents and US citizens as of September 1 2009.
- Candidates must have a G.P.A. of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale)
- Candidates must pledge to be drug and violence free
- Candidates must attend an accredited college or university (2 or 4 years)

EVALUATION

- Candidates will be scored on the content of their responses as well as originality, creativity and attention to directions.
- Candidates that have completed more than one segment of D.A.R.E. and are involved with substance and violence prevention activities within the school and community (i.e. community alliance, peer programs, leadership programs, etc.) will receive additional points in the evaluation process.
- Applicants must meet a minimum score of 65 to be considered eligible for this scholarship.

REQUIRMENTS FOR SUBMISSION

- Print or type all information. All spaces must be filled in. Signatures are required.
- Candidates must complete Sections A, C, and D of the application in their entirety prior to submitting the application to their Guidance Counselors for sign off.
- Candidate should attach 2 letters of recommendations to the application.
- Candidate must paperclip all responses to the applications.
- The Student Essay (Section D) must be a minimum of 2 pages, maximum of 4 pages double spaced. Using Font 12 point.
- Guidance Counselor must complete and sign Section B and attach an official transcript. Transcripts should include all high school grades up to and including the first and second marking period of their senior year.
- Candidate must include letter of confirmation regarding his/her parent's employment (past or present) as a D.A.R.E. New Jersey certified Officer. Letter can come from the police department or the parent. If from the parent, be sure to include the Police Department name and contact information for verification.

SUBMISSION

- Completed Packets must be mailed and postmarked no later than **April 1, 2009**. The original and one copy of the application are required. (except for transcripts – one is sufficient)
- Please submit to:

D.A.R.E New Jersey, Inc.
The Jerry T. Mahoney D.A.R.E. Scholarship Program
292 Prospect Plains Road
Cranbury, NJ 08512

The Jerry T. Mahoney D.A.R.E. Scholarship Application

SECTION A – COMPLETED BY STUDENT

Candidate's Name _____
Last First

Social Security Number _____ DOB: _____

Home Address: _____

Are you a NJ resident Yes ___ No ___ Are you a US citizen? Yes ___ No ___

SECTION B – COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

High School _____ --

School Address: _____

Principal _____

Phone _____ County _____

Student's GPA _____ On a scale of _____ Weighted ___ Unweighted _____

Print Name of Guidance Counselor _____

Signature of Guidance Counselor _____

Date _____ Phone Number _____

NOTE: Attach Transcript

SECTION C – QUESTION S TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT –
Please Submit on separate paper

D.A.R.E. Participation

1. Confirm your participation in the D.A.R.E. program. Remember to include all segments (listed below) and the number of years involved. Include any other D.A.R.E. sponsored activity you were responsible for planning. (I.e. Awareness Day, Rally, Walk, etc.)

Elementary – Grades 5-6 (17 lesson curriculum)

Middle School – Grades 7-8 (10 lesson curriculum)

High School – Grades 9-12 (11 lesson curriculum)

School and Communities Activities

Please limit your response to one half page. (double spaced, font size 12 pt.)

2. List the school and community service activities you have participated in during each grade level, such as clubs, student government, service organizations, athletics, peer mentoring/education, etc. Please include any activities that you believe were exceptional in promoting the prevention of substance abuse and violence.

SECTION D – ESSAY TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT

- The essay must address the following topics, be a minimum of 2 pages, maximum of 4 pages. **(double spaced, font size 12 point)**
1. The importance of schools and law enforcement working together to address substance abuse and violence;
 2. Why I choose to be drug and violence free; and
 3. What it has meant to be part of the D.A.R.E. Family