



Shop with a Cop of Dundee Township Scholarship Application Guidelines

Shop with a Cop is excited to announce that we will be awarding one (1) \$2,500 scholarship in June of 2026 to a graduating senior who is planning to attend a community college, a vocational program, trade school, or four-year university in the fall.

Eligibility:

There shall be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex or national origin. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must reside within Dundee Township or attend a high school within D300.
- Scholarships are to be utilized at a community college, a vocational program, trade school, or a four-year university.
- Must be enrolled as a full or part-time college student during the 2026-2027 school year (excluding summer session).

Please read the following very carefully. Failure to comply with the rules could result in disqualification.

How to Apply:

Any student interested in this scholarship shall complete the following documentation and return it postmarked no later than May 15th, 2026:

- Completed Application
- 1 Letter of Recommendation (police officer, community leader or school staff member).
- 500-word essay answering the following questions:
 - In what way have you contributed to your community and/or family, and how do you plan to continue that?
 - How will you utilize your post-secondary education to make a difference in your community?

Applications are available online at the Shop with a Cop website at

www.shopwithacopdundee township.org. Completed applications are to be mailed to:

Shop with a Cop
P.O. Box 182
Carpentersville, IL 60110

Distribution of Monies: Any scholarship funds awarded will be paid directly to the school on behalf of the recipient. The recipient must instruct the college they are attending to notify Shop with a Cop in writing regarding their full or part-time enrollment status before any scholarship funds will be disbursed. SWAC must receive this written confirmation from the school on official school letterhead (a school schedule is not acceptable) by September 15, 2026.

Deadlines:

The deadline for all application submissions is **Friday, May 15th, 2026**. If you are awarded a scholarship, **SWAC must be contacted by the school with written enrollment verification before September 15, 2026, or the scholarship check will not be issued, and your scholarship will be forfeited.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: SWAC scholarship funds are intended to assist students with the cost of tuition, books, and fees. No funds can be used for housing or any other incurred expenses. Funds must be used during the regular school year and cannot be used for summer courses. Books must be purchased from a learning institution's campus bookstore and directly billed through that institution's bursar's office. If tuition is paid in full by any other scholarship, grant, or other financial aid, the SWAC scholarship shall not be used to reduce the other funding.

The name of the scholarship winner will be announced by June 15th, 2026, on our social media pages and website. The scholarship winner will be notified by phone and/or in writing by Shop with a Cop before the social media announcement.

If you have any questions, please email swacdt@gmail.com.



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The Shop with a Cop Scholarship was established in 2024 to support students in the Dundee Township and D300 school district communities who are pursuing an education after high school.

Since 2004, Shop with a Cop of Dundee Township has supported children in our community by providing a brighter holiday season and assisting families who have experienced extraordinary hardships. In keeping with its commitment to giving back year-round, the organization has established this scholarship to further invest in the youth of our community.

This year, Shop with a Cop will award one (1) \$2,500 scholarship to a student who intends to pursue higher education and demonstrates a commitment to making a meaningful impact through service to both family and community. Individuals who exemplify these values are strongly encouraged to apply for this one-time scholarship opportunity.

Eligibility and Requirements

The Shop with a Cop Scholarship is open to any 2026 graduating senior residing in the Dundee Township area or attending a D300 high school.

Any student interested in this scholarship must complete the application and include all required supporting documentation. Completed applications must be mailed to:

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All submissions must be postmarked no later than Friday, May 15, 2026, and must include the following:

- Completed Application
- One (1) letter of recommendation (police officer, community leader or school staff member).
- Currently enrolled or accepted into a community college, vocational program, trade school, or four-year university.
- 500-word essay answering the following questions:
 - In what way have you contributed to your community and/or family, and how do you plan to continue that?
 - How will you utilize your furthered education to make a difference in your community?

Eligibility for the scholarship shall not be denied or restricted on the basis of sex, race, creed, or national origin of the applicant.

