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# Winnebago County Sheriff's Department



## News Release

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### Illinois Sheriff's Association Announces Scholarships

The Illinois Sheriff's Association announces that it will be awarding over \$58,000 in college scholarships throughout the State of Illinois to students wishing to pursue higher education in the 2025-2026 academic year. The scholarships are to be applied to tuition, books and fees only. The student must be enrolled full-time at a certified institution of higher learning within the State of Illinois, full-time online learning at an Illinois-based school is also acceptable.

Winnebago County Sheriff Gary Caruana will be awarding a scholarship in the amount \$500.00. There will be no restrictions on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex or national origin. The only limitations are as follows:

- Applicants must be permanent Illinois residents
- Scholarships must be utilized at institutions of higher learning **within the State of Illinois, including those offering online learning.**
- Students must be enrolled as a full-time student during the 2025-2026 school year (excluding summer session).

Applications are now available at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office or on the ISA Website <https://www.ilsheriff.org/youth-2/>. Students must complete the application, answer the essay question and return all documentation **to the Sheriff's office** in their permanent county of residence by March 14, 2025 (must be postmarked by this date). A directory of Sheriff's offices is available on the ISA website at <https://www.ilsheriff.org/sheriffs-directory/>.

For more information, please contact the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, Illinois Sheriffs' Association, high school advising center or college financial aid office.

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