

2020 SPECIAL AGENT JOE RUSS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



CLEVELAND



Joe Russ joined the FBI in 1996 as an Information Technology Specialist. After 9/11, he applied and was selected to become a Special Agent. His teammates always counted on Joe to volunteer his problem-solving skills when it came to a new challenge. He investigated Internet Crimes Against Children, was a Firearms Instructor, a SWAT Sniper, a long-time Evidence Response Team member, an exceptional leader, and a natural teacher. He was a kind spirit: a gentle soul who led through actions rather than words. When Joe died in October, 2013, he left the FBI a legacy of professional excellence, dignity, humility, and quiet heroism.

To help ensure a continuous stream of talented candidates in law enforcement careers, reflective of the FBI's goal for greater diversity, fulfillment of skill gaps, and outstanding leadership, the FBI Cleveland Citizens Academy Alumni Association is offering one (1) \$2,500 scholarship, to a student pursuing a post-secondary education with the intent to work in a law enforcement or supporting career.

The FBI Cleveland Citizens Academy Alumni Association (FBICLECAAA), is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public service organization, committed to promoting safer communities by supporting the FBI's mission to lead and coordinate intelligence efforts that drive actions to protect the United States of America.



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The \$2,500 Special Agent Joe Russ Memorial Scholarship will be given toward one (1) recipient's post high school education. The scholarship check will be written directly to the university or college by the FBI Cleveland Citizens Academy Alumni Association.

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FBI CLEVELAND CITIZENS ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



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- * Application **MUST** be EMAILED before midnight, July 31, 2020. No late applications will be considered.
- * Winner will be notified prior to the autumn FBICLECAA Hometown Heroes Event.



QUALIFICATIONS

Plan to attend a two- or four-year college in 2020-21 (*Current high school seniors can apply with proof of acceptance to a university for the fall semester.*) Preference given to applicants with a Northern Ohio family connection and/or who are studying in Ohio.

Have interest in working in law enforcement: for example as an investigator, agent, detective, forensic scientist, intelligence analyst, or in information technology.

TO BE CONSIDERED, ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED AS ONE SINGLE PDF.

The scholarship application must be completed in its entirety, and emailed AS ONE PDF file before midnight on July 31, 2020.

INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ Obtain and submit one (1) letter of recommendation from an adult non-family member. *Do not submit more than one letter.*
- ✓ Write up to a 750-word essay expressing experiences you have had that lead you in the direction of working in law enforcement. Discuss your motivations and why you would be a worthy recipient of the Joe Russ Memorial Scholarship. Anecdotal examples of your own self-reliance, patience, initiative, and teamwork skills encouraged.
- ✓ Obtain college proof of enrollment for 2020-2021 (can be a copy of communication from the educational institution).
- ✓ Information must be completed in full, saved as one attachment, and sent by email by July 31, 2020 to joemruss@gmail.com.

**NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED .
INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.**

For questions and additional information, please contact: Colleen Brown Russ @ joemruss@gmail.com.

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To apply, email one PDF attachment (no Google docs) to joemruss@gmail.com before midnight on July 31, 2020, with **only** the following:

- * This form
- * Proof of school enrollment for 2020-21 (such as your acceptance letter or current year transcripts)
- * Essay referencing the items from the essay instructions on the flyer (essay up to 750 words)
- * One (1) reference letter from an adult non-family member
- * A one (1) page resume that includes hobbies/school clubs, volunteer experience, work experience, and contact info for only one (1) additional adult non-family member reference

Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name of High School you attend(ed): _____

Name of college or university you will attend this fall: _____

Intendend major (and related minor, if applicable): _____

My signature affirms that all information contained in this application, including proof of enrollment documentation, is true and correct. I affirm that I have never been convicted of a felony. I hereby consent to the release of the information concerning my application for the Special Agent Joe Russ Memorial Scholarship to the reviewing parties for verification and media purposes.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____