

## 2018 DISTRICT THREE LODGES SCHOLARSHIP RULES

1. To apply for consideration in receiving a Fraternal Order of Police, District Three Lodges Scholarship, the applicant must be a dependent child of a member, in good standing, from a subordinate lodge of District Three Lodges Inc.
2. The applicant must be a high school senior and/or full-time university/college student enrolled in an institution accredited by a regional accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education and seeking their first undergraduate degree.
3. Applicants do not have to be seeking a degree related to the law enforcement field.
4. The applicant must provide proof of enrollment or acceptance for the institution they are, or planning to attend if requested. Additionally, if the applicant is already a full-time student, their grade point must be at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
5. Your essay will be a minimum of 1500 words but no more than 2000 words. You will use no fewer than three (3) source references and shall properly indicate them in the paper and in a bibliography. *Wikipedia is not an accepted reference and if used, will result in the deduction of (10) ten points from the total score.*
6. The essay will be graded on the basis of the content, originality, grammar, neatness, documentation of source materials and strict compliance with these instructions. Papers found to contain plagiarized text from online or published materials will be disqualified. The applicants may receive up to (10) ten additional points based on school and or community service submitted and verified.

*Applicants must submit a completed application, with the essay topic. The topic of : “How can law enforcement better utilize social media to promote a more positive message to the public “*  
Applicants will defend their position with valid factual data.

7. **Any submissions that are not complete will not be considered in the competition.** The application shall be on the District Three Lodges online form and shall be paper clipped together, along with the any supporting materials. **No staples! Do not place** your name or any other identifiable information on your final essay, only on your application; the committee chairperson will assign a corresponding number on the essay for grading purposes. The applicant must submit the completed essay and accompanying application to the **FOP District Three Scholarship**, at the below address. **They must be post marked no later than March 1, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.** Any packet received after the cutoff date and time will be dismissed from the competition.
8. Winners will be notified by phone and by mail. The decisions of the scholarship committee are final.

**Please mail all essays and applications to:**  
**FOP District Three Scholarships**  
**P.O. Box 1227 Brandon, Florida 33509-1227**  
**www.fopdist3.com**