

# VENTURA POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### DEE DOWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Ventura Police Officers' Association (VPOA) is accepting applications for the 16th annual Dee Dowell Memorial Scholarship. The scholarships will be presented in May 2019 to honor Sergeant Darlon "Dee" Dowell, who was shot and killed on August 7, 1978. Sergeant Dowell is the only officer in Ventura's history to die in the line of duty.

In selecting scholarship recipients, the VPOA will consider academic achievement, school and community service, and financial needs. **Applications must contain all required information and be returned no later than April 12, 2019. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

#### Scholarship Awards:

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$5,000.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$3,500.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$2,000.00  
Honorable Mention(s) \$500.00

#### Applicants must:

- Be entering his/her freshman through senior year in college;
- Plan a course of study related to the field of public service;
- Ventura resident or have graduated from a high school in Ventura within the past three years, or a Ventura Police Department employee or employee's child.
- Have a grade point average of 3.0 or better (based on a 4.0 system);
- Maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better if selected as a recipient;
- Submit a resume of school and community activities, including a copy of transcripts through the most recent semester;
- Submit a typed essay of 1000 words or less on "Service, what it means to me";
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a public servant.

For additional information please contact Ofc. Mike Hibdon at 805-339-4443 or [mhibdon@venturapd.org](mailto:mhibdon@venturapd.org). Applications are included with this release and are also available at the front desk of the Ventura Police Department.