

# National Technical Investigators' Association Captain James J. Regan Memorial Scholarship

In 1974, Captain James J. Regan, Pennsylvania State Police, organized a group of law enforcement professionals whose specialty is technical support of investigations. Today the National Technical Investigators' Association (NATIA) is a nonprofit, all-volunteer professional organization composed of United States and Canadian law enforcement and intelligence officers from various local, state, provincial, federal, and military agencies. Our members are responsible for supporting the technical operations, surveillance activities, and scientific support of their respective agencies.

The purpose of the association is to develop the professionalism of the members by furthering their skills and knowledge in the areas of technical surveillance, law enforcement, and forensic activities through the offering of special training, the interagency exchange of ideas and experiences, and assistance in the implementation of new techniques and equipment in the law enforcement community. In 1990, at NATIA's national conference, unanimous approval was given to establish a scholarship in the name of our late founder, Captain James J. Regan, in keeping with his philosophy of "excellence through education."

## The Award

Two merit-based awards are conferred. Each consists of a \$500 one-time scholarship. The recognitions will be presented at the national law enforcement Explorer conference or at a local ceremony.

## Who Is Eligible

Any law enforcement Explorer who is in the 12th grade or in an accredited college program may apply. Candidates will be evaluated on the basis of their academic record, leadership ability, extracurricular activities, and a personal statement on "What significance I place on a technical background in law enforcement."

## Application Process

The candidate should complete the application with the certification of the

1. Post Advisor
2. Head of the participating organization
3. Learning for Life representative

The applicant should also submit

1. Three letters of recommendation (at least two from people outside of law enforcement)
2. A 250-word (minimum) essay on "How will technology affect law enforcement in the 21st Century?"
3. High school transcripts (if in college, submit both college and high school transcripts)
4. **A black-and-white glossy photograph (preferably in uniform) for publicity purposes in the event of selection**

## Deadline

The original and four copies of the [application](#) and support materials must be received **no later than March 31** to

National Law Enforcement Scholarships and Awards  
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079



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8. Letters of recommendation are to be included with the nomination form. One letter should come from each of the following: (a) school or community official, (b) post leader, and (c) law or law enforcement official other than your post Advisor. These letters should attest to your candidacy for this scholarship.

**Part IV. Certifications/Endorsement**

**Applicant's signature**

I am presently in good health and know of no personal or physical limitations that would prevent my full participation in a career in law enforcement, law, or criminal justice. I know of no reason why the school or college listed above would not accept me as a full- or part-time student. I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing facts in the application.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's/Guardian's Waiver**

I, as parent or guardian, am willing and desirous that my son or daughter apply for a National Technical Investigators' Association Captain James J. Regan Memorial Scholarship. In consideration of the benefits derived from this honor, if accepted, I hereby voluntarily waive any claim against Learning for Life, the post, and its participating organization and leaders for any and all causes that may arise in connection with the activities of the above organization. It is my understanding that my son or daughter plans to attend a school or college to work toward a career in law enforcement, law, or criminal justice.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Endorsement of Post Advisor**

This is to certify that the applicant is a member in good standing of Explorer Post No. \_\_\_\_\_

Participating organization \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Learning for Life Certification**

This applicant is currently a participating Explorer. We approve of his or her application for a National Technical Investigators' Association Captain James J. Regan Memorial Scholarship.

Learning for Life representative's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Learning for Life headquarters city \_\_\_\_\_

**Part V. Public Relations Data**

Local newspaper \_\_\_\_\_  
Name City

Local radio/TV \_\_\_\_\_  
Call letters

Enclosed is a photograph of me that may be used for publication in the event I am selected.

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