



The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

New York Regional Office

PURPLE JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's (NCMEC/NY) mission is to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation; help find missing children; and assist victims of abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them.

The tragic abduction and murder of 6-year-old Adam Walsh in 1981, as well as those of Etan Patz and Russel Mort, brought national attention to the issues faced by the families of missing children each year. Local business and community leaders, including Lou and Kathie Bivona and local child welfare agencies, responded by forming the Adam Walsh Child Resource Center in 1984. Located in Rochester, New York, the Adam Walsh Center merged with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in 1990 to become the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children/New York Regional Office.

NCMEC/NY is pleased to offer a **\$500.00** academic scholarship to a qualifying **High school student, who is in good academic standing, entering an accredited college program with an interest in Criminal Justice.**

This scholarship is named in honor of Wanda Polisseni. Mrs. Polisseni has been a longtime supporter of our local agency and true champion for children! NCMEC/NY is proud to bestow this legacy in tribute to her.



PURPLE JUSTICE AWARD

Selection of the winners will be made by the NCMEC Purple Justice Scholarship Committee. Evaluations are based on the essays, grades, community service and curriculum.

- Students need a minimum grade point average of 2.5 to qualify for consideration.
- Students must be graduating high school in 2017.
- Students must submit a 500 word (or less) essay on why they wish to pursue a degree in criminal justice.
- Applications accepted: February 8 – April 30, 2017.
- Committee selection: May 2017.
- Applications must be complete and postmarked by the due date above. *No exceptions!*

Send to:

NCMEC/NY
ATTN: Emily DeBuyser-Caswell
Purple Justice Scholarship Selection Committee
275 Lake Ave.
Rochester, NY 14608

All completed applications become property of NCMEC/NY. All decisions are final. Winners will be notified by mail in May 2016.



PURPLE JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Complete all areas)

1. STUDENT INFORMATION

MALE FEMALE

Please complete all areas and write legibly.

STUDENT NAME (Last, First and Middle)

ADDRESS (Number and Street)

CITY/TOWN/ STATE/ ZIP CODE

EMAIL

TELEPHONE/CELL PHONE

2. PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (Last, First and Middle)

ADDRESS (If different from above)

EMAIL

CELL PHONE

3. OTHER INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY YOU PLAN TO ATTEND

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE **PURPLE JUSTICE** SCHOLARSHIP?

4. HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

A copy of your most current official high school transcript should be submitted with the application.

5. HIGH SCHOOL RESUME

A copy of your high school resume-which may include all awards, extra-curricular activities, employment, community service, and/or leadership roles.

6. ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Please share your interest in Criminal Justice and why you have selected this field of study at college. This essay must be typed, double spaced and no more than 500 words.

7. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

A letter of recommendation from a current or past instructor, familiar with your interest in criminal justice, should be included with your application.

8. AUTHORIZATION AND VERIFICATION

STUDENT CERTIFICATION

I have personally prepared and signed this application. I certify that all statements regarding my application for this scholarship are true and I believe I am eligible to apply for this scholarship.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION

I give permission to NCMEC/NY to use name/photo of winner in any advertisements and/or publications should this apply.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE



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CHECKLIST for scholarship:

- _____ 1) Completed application form
- _____ 2) Transcript(s)
- _____ 3) High school resume
- _____ 4) Essay (on separate sheet)
- _____ 5) Letter of recommendation

Need additional information?

Please contact Emily DeBuyser-Caswell, at 585-242-0900 x3345 or ecaswell@ncmec.org.