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Beginning this year, our department will be offering a scholarship to one La Porte County student who will be attending college and studying law enforcement or a criminal justice related field. As you are aware, in the past three decades we have awarded scholarships to family members of our agency. For the first time, we are opening this opportunity up to one member of the public. The funds for the scholarship will come from the Neil Thompson Memorial Scholarship fund that was established shortly after Patrolman Thompson's death.

A news release was sent yesterday morning announcing the scholarship and applications are at the front desk of the Sheriff's Office. The requirements are listed below;

- Be a student in good standing at a school in La Porte County.
- Graduate of the class of 2015
- Have been accepted at a college
- Enrolled in criminal justice classes or a law enforcement related field
- Complete a 500 word essay on what it means to be a police officer

If there are any further questions please contact Mike Kellems of the La Porte County Sheriff's Office: mkellems@lco.in.gov or 219.326.7700 x 2327

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