

# Special Agent Joe Russ Memorial Scholarship

*The \$1,000 Special Agent Joe Russ Memorial Scholarship will be given toward one (1) recipient's post-high school education. The scholarship check will be written directly to the university or college by the FBI Citizens Academy Foundation of Greater Cleveland.*

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*Joe Russ joined the FBI in 1996 as an Information Technology Specialist. After 9/11, he applied to become a Special Agent. His teammates always counted on Joe to volunteer his problem-solving skills when it came to a new challenge. He investigated Internet Crimes Against Children, was a Firearms Instructor, a SWAT Sniper, a long-time Evidence Response Team member, an exceptional leader, and a natural teacher. He was a kind spirit: a gentle soul who led through actions rather than words. When Joe died in October, 2013, he left the FBI a legacy of professional excellence, dignity, humility, and quiet heroism.*



## Special Agent Joe Russ Memorial Scholarship Criteria

Each applicant must:

- Plan to attend a two or four year college in 2014-15 (*Current high school seniors can also apply.*)
  - *Preference given to those with a Northern Ohio connection who are studying in Ohio*
- Have interest in working in law enforcement: either as an investigator/agent/detective, or in information technology
- Obtain one (1) letter of recommendation from an adult non-family member
- Write up to a 750-word essay expressing experiences you have had that lead you in the direction of working in law enforcement; anecdotal examples encouraged. Discuss your motivation and why you think you'd be the best recipient for this scholarship, including ways that you currently strive to be a humble leader and team player.

Applications to be reviewed by the family of Special Agent Joe Russ and the FBI Citizens Academy Foundation of Cleveland, and scored based upon achievement in the following areas:

- Exhibits self-reliance, commitment to health and fitness, initiative, and teamwork skills
- Strong representation of why you want to work in law enforcement
- Ability to express yourself in writing

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Application materials should be emailed to [joemruss@gmail.com](mailto:joemruss@gmail.com) or faxed to 216-622-6898 before midnight, October 8, 2014. Applications will be handled in strictest confidence. Feel free to contact us with questions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Be sure to attach:

- ☐ Proof of current school enrollment with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher - such as your school's letter of acceptance, transcripts, or current class schedule
- ☐ Essay (up to 750 words)
- ☐ One (1) reference letter from an adult (non-family member)
- ☐ A one (1) page resume that includes hobbies/school clubs, volunteer experience, work experience, and one (1) additional reference for the committee to contact (adult non-family member)

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My signature affirms that all information contained in this application and proof of enrollment documentation is true and correct. I affirm that I have never been convicted of a felony. I hereby consent to the release of the information concerning my application for the Special Agent Joe Russ Memorial Scholarship to the reviewing parties for verification and publicity purposes.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_