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Virginia Sheriff's Institute Accepting Scholarship Applications

Students planning to pursue a career in criminal justice are eligible for a scholarship through the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute (VSI). As a VSI member, the Newport News Sheriff's Office is proud to assist students with their educational endeavors. Sheriff Gabe Morgan will personally award scholarship recipients. The scholarship program is limited to students attending Virginia colleges and universities.

The deadline for application for the 2011/2012 school year is May 1, 2011. Applications can be found on and downloaded from the VSI office website: www.vasheriffsinstitute.org

Students are advised to begin the application process quickly because there are a number of items which must be included within the filing deadline. Students will find a complete checklist on the VSI website. A letter of recommendation from Sheriff Gabe Morgan is one of the application requirements, as is proof of acceptance from the school you plan to attend.

The Virginia Sheriff's Institute Scholarship program was established to provide an opportunity for young people to pursue an education in law enforcement or criminal justice. It should be noted that those pursuing a career as a lawyer will not be considered a criminal justice major.

For more information, contact the Public Information Officer at the Newport News Sheriff's Office at 926-8747.

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