

# BAL HARBOUR

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## BAL HARBOUR POLICE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**The Chief Mark N. Overton and Chief Miguel A. de la Rosa**

### **Police & Academic Scholarship**



The Bal Harbour Rotary Club (BHRC) along with the Bal Harbour Police Department (BHPD) is in search of a graduating high school senior, or currently enrolled undergraduate student, from the Miami-Dade area, interested in serving the community as a police officer, or interested in pursuing an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice or Public Administration. The Bal Harbour Rotary Club/Bal Harbour Police Department Chiefs Mark N. Overton & Miguel A. de la Rosa Police & Academic Scholarship was established to honor the memory of two well-respected police chiefs who passed away. The BHRC and the BHPD are offering the scholarship to a high school graduate or college/university student. The scholarship will cover tuition up to \$6,000 to attend a local Police Academy in Miami-Dade or Broward County or an undergraduate program in public administration or criminal justice. Applications are due to the Bal Harbour Police Department by July 1, 2026. The scholarship winner will be announced by August 1, 2026, and the recipient will have one year to attend a police academy, or enroll and begin an undergraduate program.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

The Bal Harbour Rotary Club/Bal Harbour Police Department Chiefs Mark N. Overton & Miguel A. de la Rosa Police & Academic Scholarship is offered to high school seniors and graduates who would like to pursue a career in law enforcement, criminal justice or public administration. The scholarship will cover tuition up to but not to exceed \$6,000. All other costs and fees associated with the application process and entrance requirements will be the sole responsibility of the scholarship recipient. **Applications are due July 1, 2026 by 4:00p.m. at the Bal Harbour Police Department, 9700 Collins Avenue Suite 280, Bal Harbour, FL 33154.** The winner will be selected based on their application and an oral interview by a selection committee. The selected candidate(s) will be notified by August 1, 2026.

Applications are available upon request, beginning February 1, 2026, through the BHPD by calling 305.866.5000, or by email at [scholarships@balharbourfl.gov](mailto:scholarships@balharbourfl.gov) . Applications are also available through the Bal Harbour website [www.balharbourfl.gov/](http://www.balharbourfl.gov/) (see the banner on the homepage) and downloading the forms.

The scholarship recipient will have one year from the scholarship award date to enter into a local police academy in Miami- Dade or Broward County, or enroll in an accredited college or university in Florida. If the recipient FAILS TO BEGIN classes prior to September 1, 2027, the scholarship becomes null and void. Scholarship recipient shall notify the Bal Harbour Rotary Club and the Bal Harbour Police Department immediately at 305.866.5000 if you are requesting to defer your scholarship award.

## **TIMELINE**

February 1, 2026 -

Scholarship Applications Available

**July 1, 2026 -**

Scholarship Application Deadline

**To apply:**

**(1)** Email your application to [scholarships@balharbourfl.gov](mailto:scholarships@balharbourfl.gov)

**OR**

**(2)** Mail or drop off all required documentation to:

Chief Mark N. Overton and Miguel A. de la Rosa Police & Academic Scholarship  
c/o Bal Harbour Police Department  
9700 Collins Avenue  
Suite 280  
Bal Harbour, FL 33154

**August 1, 2026 -**

Scholarship winner(s) notified

**September 1, 2026-**

Scholarship to be officially presented to recipient. **Attendance at this event is MANDATORY in order to receive scholarship.** Location and time of event will be announced.

# Scholarship Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Date
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): _____			
Once awarded the scholarship (\$6,000 maximum applied to tuition and expenses), you will have one (1) year upon which to apply to, be accepted and begin classes. If you do not begin the classes within one (1) year of scholarship award date, you will forfeit the scholarship.)			
Street Address		Apartment / Unit #	
City	State	Zip	
Phone	E-mail Address		
Are you a citizen of the United States?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If no, are you authorized to reside in the U.S.?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a felony?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, explain	

SCHOOL INFORMATION (HIGH SCHOOL)	
High School	
Expected Graduation Date:	Current GPA:
Honors/Awards received:	
Extracurricular activities:	

Participation in outside community activities:

**SCHOOL INFORMATION (COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY) IF APPLICABLE**

College /  
University

Expected Graduation Date:

Current GPA:

Honors/Awards received:

Extracurricular activities:

Participation in outside community activities:

**REFERENCES**

*Please list **two** personal references (excluding parents) and **one** professional reference (school counselor, teacher, etc.).*

Full Name

Relationship

Company

Phone

Address

Full Name

Relationship

Company		Phone
Address		
Full Name		Relationship
Company		Phone
Address		
<b>Please attach <u>one</u> letter of recommendation from a personal reference (excluding parents) AND <u>one</u> letter of recommendation from a professional reference (school counselor, teacher, etc.) for a total of <u>TWO</u> letters.</b>		
<b>CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AND PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT (IF APPLICABLE)</b>		
Company/Place of Employment:		Phone
Address		Supervisor
Job Title		
Responsibilities		
From	To	Reason for Leaving
May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference?      YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
Company/Place of Employment:		Phone
Address		Supervisor
Job Title		
Responsibilities		
From	To	Reason for Leaving
May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference?      YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		

**QUESTIONNAIRE: PLEASE ATTACH YOUR RESPONSES TO ALL THREE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS**

**Why do you want to pursue a career in law enforcement or a degree in public administration or criminal justice?**

Response Requirements: MUST be MINIMUM 1 page typed in 12 pt font Times New Roman, double spaced

**What do you consider your highest achievement or your best quality that will assist you in your career plans?**

Response Requirements: MUST be MINIMUM half a page typed in 12 pt font Times New Roman, double spaced

**What are your future plans and goals?**

Response Requirements: MUST be MINIMUM half a page typed in 12 pt font Times New Roman, double spaced

**DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE**

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my disqualification from consideration.

I understand that this scholarship applies to my attendance at a Miami-Dade or Broward County Police Academy or a Florida university or college. Tuition/expenses of up to \$6,000 maximum will be paid directly to the Police Academy selected by scholarship winner with approval from BHRC and the BHPD.

I understand that from the date of the scholarship award notification, I have a 1-year time frame with which to apply to, be accepted and begin classes at an approved Police Academy. After 1 year, the scholarship will become null and void.

Applicant Signature

Date

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

DATE APPLICATION  
RECEIVED

DATE SCHOLARSHIP  
AWARDED

DATE SCHOLARSHIP  
EXPIRES