

# Notice of Police Officer Certification Scholarship Candidate Opportunity

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July 25, 2019

Applications are being accepted from qualified individuals seeking a career in law enforcement and needing financial assistance to obtain the necessary education, training and state of Florida certification to become a prospective candidate for employment as a police officer. A select scholarship candidate would be expected to acknowledge and commit in writing to:

- Enroll in the next available police academy of the City's choosing
- Successfully graduate from the named police academy within the prescribed time
- Successfully pass the next available state certification test offered after academy graduation
- Meet and maintain all minimum eligibility, qualifications and standards for a police officer pursuant to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Criminal Justice Standards and Training, the City of Winter Haven, and the Winter Haven Police Department
- Represent the City in a favorable and professional way both in and outside of academy classes
- Remain eligible and respond to an offer of employment the City *may* extend within the period of one year following academy graduation and state certification attainment
- Repay the City all or a portion of the scholarship award if program terms and conditions agreed upon in writing are not fulfilled.

At the minimum qualified candidates must:

- Be a resident of Polk County, Florida
- Preferably live within Winter Haven's limits or service area
- Be at least 19 years of age and a citizen of the United States
- Be a high school graduate or have an acceptable equivalency diploma
- Not have received a dishonorable discharge from any of the United States Armed Forces
- Not have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving perjury or the making of a false claim
- Have a valid Florida driver license and a good driving record as determined by the City of Winter Haven
- Be of good moral character and satisfactorily complete a security background check with fingerprinting; physical examination with a drug screen; polygraph examination; psychological evaluation and demonstrate an acceptable level of physical agility and strength to perform police training and work.

Selection will be based on individual merit and qualifications without regard for political or religious opinions or affiliations; race; color; creed; sex; age; disability; national origin or any other reason prohibited by law.

To Apply Contact: Human Resources at P.O. Box 2277 Winter Haven, FL 33883-2277; (863) 291-5650; [www.mywinterhaven.com](http://www.mywinterhaven.com), or for the hearing impaired call 711 RELAY or 1-800-955-8770

Application Closing Date and Time: August 8, 2019, 5:00 p.m.