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The Naperville Park District, in cooperation with Citizens Appreciate Public Safety, presents the third annual Officer David White Scholarship for 2009.

Background:

On an evening in early September 2006, Officer David White, a Naperville Park Police Officer, was ending his shift. However, before he did so, he drove through a nearby park to make one more check of the area. Upon doing so, he found a young man in distress and took action to save his life.

For his actions, Officer White received the Park Police Life Saving Award. A local donor offered to start an annual fund that will award a \$2,000 scholarship to a deserving college student who demonstrates a strong commitment to public service and community volunteerism.

An excerpt from a letter written by the young man's mother explained her family's gratitude: "Because of Officer White going above and beyond the normal process, following his instincts and (with) genuine concern for the safety of the people he comes in contact with, he saved (a) life. There are no words that could ever express our appreciation for Officer White's efforts; by listening to his heart, he has forever affected the life of our family."

Scholarship eligibility:

This opportunity is for an individual age 25 and under who is either a son or daughter of a police officer, park police officer, or firefighter or who is, himself or herself, serving in one of these roles.* Applicants either must be accepted at or currently attending an accredited two- or four-year college or university. The scholarship will be awarded in May 2009 for the 2009-2010 academic year; a check for \$2,000 will be sent directly to the college or university to be applied towards the recipient's tuition.

* or as a Naperville Police Explorer

Submission requirements:

The application deadline for the 2009 scholarship is **5:00 p.m. on April 17, 2009**. Applicants are asked to complete the official application form, which can be found on the Park District's website at www.napervilleparks.org on the "About Us" page and under the Park Police link. An application also may be requested by contacting Sue Omanson, Community Development Project Manager, at 630-848-3572 or via e-mail at somanson@napervilleparks.org.

In addition to the application form, applicants also must complete the essay question and attach it along with two signed letters of recommendation (both must be from a non-family member). Please note that applications must be complete at the time of submission; late applications will not be considered.

Review process:

Applications received will be reviewed by a small panel representing the Naperville Park District, the City of Naperville's police and fire departments and Citizens Appreciate Public Safety – a community group. One recipient will be selected for each academic year. By applying, applicants agree to have their name and school name published if they are selected as the recipient. All decisions of the panel are final.

Mail or hand deliver completed applications to:

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c/o Naperville Park District
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