

The Officer Sean A. Collier Self Sponsor Scholarship

On April 18, 2013 the MIT Police lost a brother and a friend, Officer Sean Collier. In order to honor him in the best way they know how they set up a scholarship fund that would send one self-sponsored recruit (MIT Self Sponsor) through the Lowell Police Academy (LPA) annually (the Scholarship) as a student officer. Officer Collier self-sponsored himself through the Transit Academy in order to start his law enforcement career. This recruit will have the honor of wearing MIT's Patch in Officer Sean Collier's memory. We are proud to say this is our third year and our first two recruits were in the top of their class.

Scholarship Requirements:

Applicant must:

- Be a resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- Have received a Bachelor's or advanced degree in Criminal Justice from a college or university
- Demonstrate an understanding of community policing and involvement
- Demonstrate a commitment to professional development
- Be able to meet all of the LPA's entrance requirements:
 - Be at least 21 years of age
 - Possess a valid Massachusetts driver's license
 - Have no felony convictions
 - Pass a medical exam based on HRD requirements
 - Pass the Physical Abilities Test
 - Pass a background investigation

Application Process:

Applicant must submit a package consisting of:

- A resume
- A letter of intent, describing how he/she has served, and will serve, as an exemplary role model who would distinguish him/her from other applicants and honor the memory of Officer Collier
- Two (2) letters of reference

Process for 2016 Officer Sean A. Collier Self Sponsor Scholarship:

- Applications due by January 22, 2016
- Scholarship Committee will narrow applications based on above requirements
- Finalists will be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee
- The Committee will award The Officer Sean A. Collier Self-Sponsor Scholarship to one person

ALL application packages must be submitted in PDF form via email to: collierscholarship@mit.edu , NO LATER THAN January 22, 2016.

PLEASE NOTE: AWARD OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AND SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE LPA PROGRAM AS A SELF SPONSOR DOES NOT GUARANTEE EMPLOYMENT AT ANY POLICE DEPARTMENT.