

**Class of 1993 Taormina Foundation
Scholarship Application**

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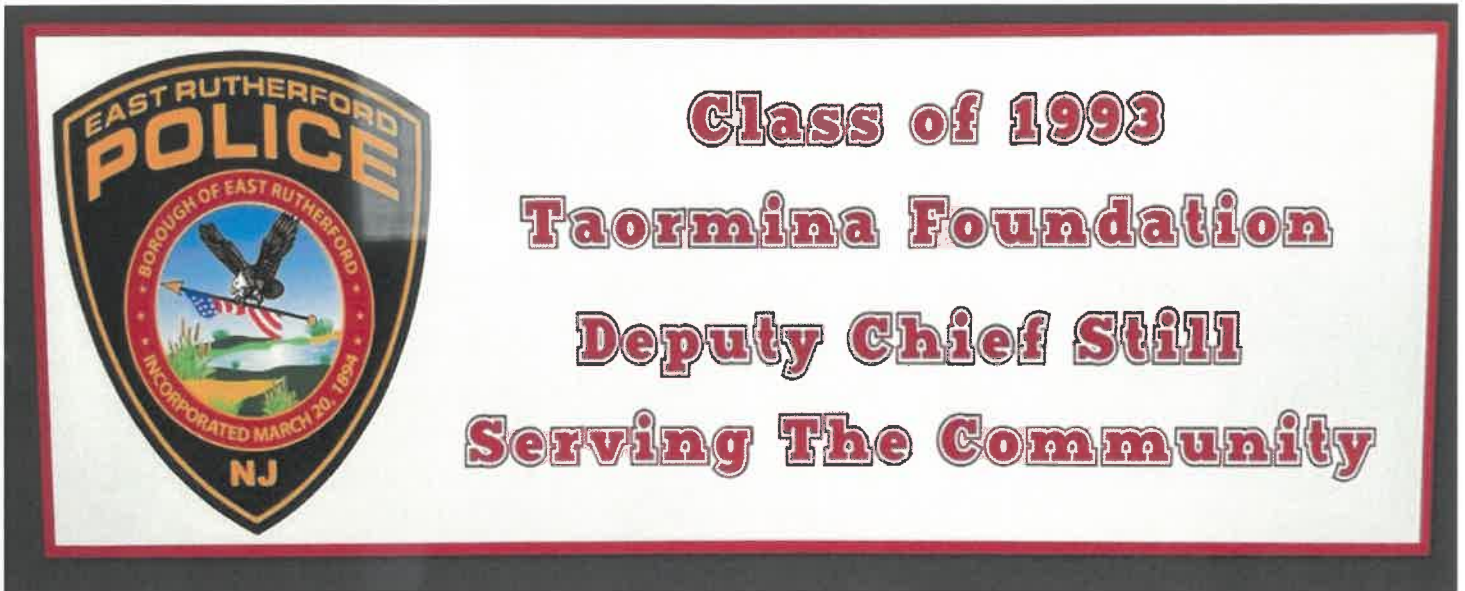
College/University attending _____

Major _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 1, 2023

Return this application and your essay to the Guidance Office. **See attached for additional qualifications and the Essay Question.**

Class of 1993 Taormina Foundation Scholarship Application Question



Deputy Chief Phil Taormina was a 27-year veteran of the East Rutherford Police Department, a loving husband to his wife Renee, a teacher at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Fair Lawn, New Jersey, and a devoted father to his children Emily and Michael. He began his career with the East Rutherford Police Department in 1995 in the Patrol Division. After attaining the rank of Sergeant, Phil served in the Detective Bureau and became the department's TAC Officer. Throughout his career, he continued to rise through the ranks all the way to Deputy Chief. Phil was also a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy 260th Session in Quantico, Virginia in 2015. In addition to Phil's service with the East Rutherford Police Department, he served as a volunteer firefighter and emergency squad member in the Borough of East Rutherford as well as a trustee for the Carlstadt / East Rutherford Board of Education.

Tragically, Phillip Taormina passed away after a brave battle with liver cancer on July 27, 2022, leaving behind his wife and children. Throughout his life and career, Phil had always been very dedicated to his community and was always willing and eager to help out in any way he could. Please join us in continuing Phil's motto in life to do what is right even when no one is looking. The Class of 1993 Taormina Foundation Scholarship will be given to a graduating senior from Becton Regional High School in East Rutherford, New Jersey, who is pursuing a career in law enforcement, EMT, military, or cybersecurity.

Essay Question: Deputy Chief Phillip Taormina always knew from a young age he wanted to be in law enforcement and he was the true definition of a leader. Explain what career you are pursuing and what personal motivations, values and experiences influenced you to pursue this career? What are the key characteristics you possess to show leadership and what behaviors distinguish exceptional leaders from mediocre ones? In 500 words or less be as specific as possible and provide personal examples in your response.

