

**Roberts – Surber Law Enforcement  
Scholarship  
2024 Application  
Deadline: April 1, 2024**

**Description of Scholarship and Eligibility Statement**

The late Franklin R. Roberts and Ronnie G. Surber both lived in Sopchoppy, Florida and served the State of Florida and Wakulla County throughout their career in Law Enforcement. Ronnie Surber was a State Trooper who grew up in Aaron, Florida and joined the Florida Highway Patrol following his service in the Army. He retired in 1988. Franklin Roberts was raised in Sopchoppy Fl. and served in the Marines, Army, and Navy. Mr. Roberts also served as a Wakulla County School Board member for 16 years. He was an electrician by trade and owned Blackwater Industries. He volunteered for the State of Florida as a member of the Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary for 43 years. This one time scholarship of \$1,500 is presented by their children to an exceptional student in Wakulla County that has a parent or legal guardian that is currently an active or retired Law Enforcement Officer.

**Before completing the application, ensure you are eligible for the Roberts – Surber Law Enforcement Scholarship. If all the statements below are true, you are eligible.**

- I will have a high school diploma or G.E.D. by June 30, 2024.
- I have an GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale (will allow weighted GPA).
- I have a parent or legal guardian that is active or retired in Law Enforcement.
- I will be enrolled in one of the following for the 24-25 school year:
  - community college
  - 4-year college or university
  - vocational program
  - Military

**The following materials MUST be included with your application:**

- 1) Application form
- 2) High School transcript.
- 3) Essay (directions in application form)
- 4) Resume and Cover Letter containing a personal statement
- 5) 2 Letters of recommendation from non-relatives (teacher, employer, etc.)

**Contact the following if you have any questions or would like additional information.**

**Ronnie Gene Surber Jr.  
Roberts – Surber Scholarship  
Selection Committee  
900 County Road 165  
Headland, AL 36345  
Telephone: 352.422.2036**

Last Name	First Name	MI
Street Address		Unit/Apt.
City	State	Postal Code
Home Phone	Mobile Phone	Email
Name of Relative or Legal Guardian in Law Enforcement: _____		
Law Enforcement Agency: _____		
Circle One: Active / Retired		
Relatives relationship with applicant: _____		
Cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 Scale): _____		
<i>*A copy of your transcript must be attached to this application.</i>		
What is your planned course of study? _____		

**Activities and Awards (Resume can be substituted)**

**School and community activities:** List school-related or community activities in which you have participated. Avoid abbreviating activity names. **Church Involvement:** List any church ministry in which you have been involved. List dates of participation in **mm/yy** format. Please feel free to attach a separate sheet of paper with activities and awards, if necessary.

Activity	Office(s) Held	Dates of Participation

**Honors and Awards:** List awards or honors which you have received. List date of award or honor in **mm/yy** format. **(Resume can be substituted)**

Name of Award or Honor	Award-granting Organization or Institution	Date of Award or Honor

**1. Cover Letter/Personal Statement**

- Complete a Cover Letter containing your personal statement and attach to your application.

**2. Resume**

- Include a resume or complete Activities and Awards on this form.

**3. Include a short essay (300-500 words) and attach it to your application. Include the following two (2) topics in your essay:**

- Explain why you chose the post high school education you will be attending.
- Describe how being a dependent of a Law Enforcement Officer has affected you personally.

**Disclosure**

*I hereby certify that the information in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I have not knowingly withheld any facts that could otherwise jeopardize consideration of my application. This information will be used for purposes of reviewing my application. I understand that scholarship awards are based on the availability of funds. The Selection Committee reserves the right to withhold, reduce, or withdraw scholarship recipients' monies should expectations not be met.*

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

**Application Checklist**

Please make sure that your application is complete. The Selection Committee will not accept incomplete applications. Ensure the following items are included:

- Completed Application Form
- Official High School Transcript
- Essay
- Cover Letter/Personal Statement
- Resume or Completed Activities and Awards Form
- 2 Letters of Recommendation from non-relatives

**Send Completed Applications to: Roberts – Surber LEO Scholarship Selection Committee  
900 County Road 165  
Headland, AL 36345**