

Clerk, Randa D.
Wharton

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Thomas County Constitutional Officers Announce Statewide Scholarship Opportunity

Scholarships available for GA High School Seniors and College Undergraduates

The Constitutional Officers of Thomas County – Sheriff Carlton Powell, Clerk of Courts Randa D. Wharton, and Tax Commissioner Alicia Hester – are pleased to announce a scholarship contest for Georgia high school seniors and current college undergraduates.

Each year, the Constitutional Officer's Association of Georgia (COAG) offers this scholarship opportunity to Georgia students. This year, the Association will offer three scholarships one each in the amounts of \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500. To be eligible for this year's scholarship, students must graduate high school by the Spring of 2018 or be enrolled in an accredited Georgia college or university. Students must also seek a degree in a field related to government/law enforcement, political science, accounting/finance or business, or pre-law.

To apply, applicants must submit a typed 1,000-word essay that answers the question: ***How do the duties and responsibilities of the Constitutional Officers in your county work together to serve the people of the county? Pick two offices and explain.*** " provide a letter of acceptance or enrollment from an institution of higher education, a copy of a college application or transcript to provide verification of degree field, and the COAG scholarship application.

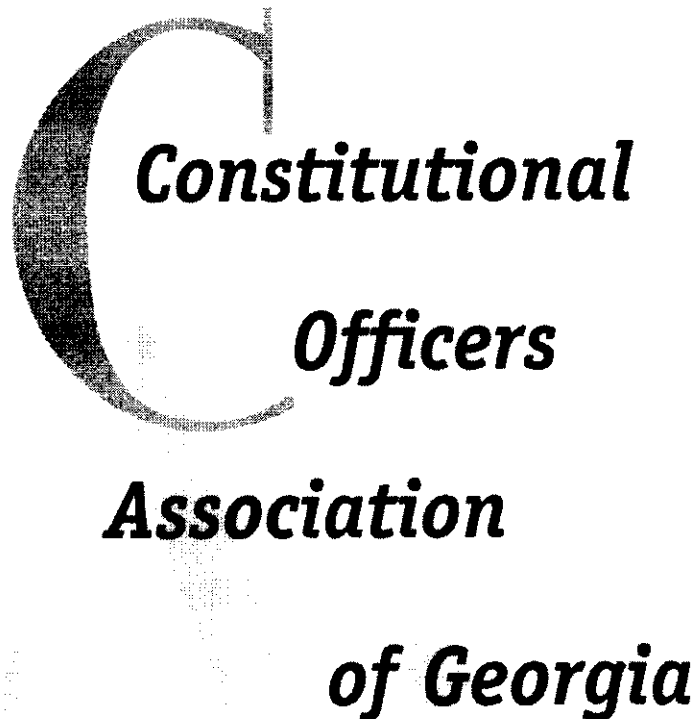
All completed applications, documentation and completed essays should be mailed flat in a 9 x 12 envelope to: Suzanne Cross, COAG, P.O. Box 1644, Decatur, GA , 30031, by March 31, 2018.

For more information, visit www.coag.com or contact Suzanne Cross at 404-377-1364 or coagoffice@bellsouth.net.

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**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS'
ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA, INC.**

2018 Scholarship



Scholarships Available:

Three scholarships: 1 for \$1,500.00, 1 for \$1000.00, and 1 for \$500.00

Eligibility:

The COAG Scholarship is open to any Georgia high school senior (or a GED equivalency dated December 31, 2017 to May 31, 2018) who is a United States and Georgia citizen graduating by the spring of 2018 or any student currently enrolled in a school of accredited higher education located in Georgia is eligible to apply for a 2018 COAG Scholarship. You must be seeking an undergraduate degree in a field related to government/law enforcement, political science, accounting/finance or business, pre-law.

Criteria:

The criteria for the award include: presenting a letter of acceptance or letter of enrollment from a school of accredited higher education located within Georgia (four year college, junior college or technical college) to provide verification of degree field related to government/law enforcement, political science, accounting/finance or business, pre-law; providing proof of residency in the State of Georgia; submitting a 1,000 word essay; and presenting a COAG scholarship application (may be downloaded from www.coag.info).

Essay:

The 1,000 word essay must be typed or computer generated, double-spaced, Times New Roman twelve point font, on 8 ½ x 11 unlined white paper and in the English language. Handwritten essays or those in any other format will be disqualified. The essay must have a title page. The essay cannot contain any reference to the city, town or county where the applicant resides or any reference to the high school attended by the applicant or the applicants name. You may reference an office, but names of elected officials must not be used. Any such reference will disqualify the applicant. All essays must be original, factually accurate and must not infringe upon any material protected by copyright.

Essay Theme 2017-2018:

Most counties in the State of Georgia have elected government officials known as "constitutional officers." County constitutional officers include the clerk of the superior court, judge of probate court, sheriff, and tax commissioner. County constitutional officers are elected for four-year terms and have such powers and duties as provided by general law. Although dependent upon funding from the county governing authority, county constitutional officers have a certain degree of autonomy in

carrying out their duties. In your essay you need to *How do the duties and responsibilities of the Constitutional Officers in your county work together to serve the people of the county? Pick two offices and explain.*

Award Guidelines:

All entries will be reviewed by the Constitutional Officers' Association of Georgia, Inc. Scholarship Committee. The committee members will select the scholarship recipients based on the content of the essay. All essays become the property of COAG. Winners' names may be released to the public and news media for promotional purposes. The scholarship will be awarded May 1, 2018 and will be payable to the individual winners.

Procedures:

All completed applications, documentation and completed essays should be mailed flat in a 9 x 12 envelope to: COAG Scholarship, COAG, PO Box 1644, Decatur, GA 30031.

Deadline:

All applications must be received in our office no later than March 31, 2018 or they will be deemed ineligible. Applications mailed to any other address will not be forwarded or considered.

Scholarship Application Packet

The packet that you are to submit should include the following items:

- 1) Scholarship Application Form - 1 original**
- 2) 1,000 Word Essay - 1 original**
- 3) Proof of acceptance from a school of accredited higher education located within Georgia providing verification of degree field related to government/law enforcement, political science, accounting/finance or business, pre-law (four year college, junior college or technical college) 1 copy**
- 4) Proof of Georgia residency - 1 copy**

Questions:

Contact: Suzanne Cross at 404-377-1364 or contact@coag.info

Referred by: Randa D. Wharton, Clerk

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA, INC.

2018 Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Information:

Name (Mr.), (Miss), Mrs.) _____

Home Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Telephone # (____) _____

Alt Telephone # (____) _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Are you a US Citizen? yes no

Social Security Number _____

Parent or Guardian Information:

Name _____

Relationship to Student _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Daytime Telephone #(____) _____

High School Information:

Name of School _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Telephone # (____) _____

Date of Graduation _____ Principal _____

Counselor _____ Telephone # (____) _____

College, University or Technical School:

Name of School _____

Degree Field: _____