

K9 Sgt. Gannon Self-Sponsor Scholarship

Qualities to consider for scholarship applicants. Choose 1 or 2 qualities that resonate with you.

1. Physical Fitness

A commitment to physical fitness, weight control, aerobic capacity, muscular strength and endurance along with ongoing physical training, health and wellness is an imperative for anyone seeking a career in law enforcement.

2. Communication skills

Vital for written department reports and the court process, proficient writing and oral communication skills need exacting expertise with an eye to detail and full knowledge of the law, which benefits a rapport with people from diverse cultures and assists police officers to earn the trust of the community.

3. Compassion and empathy

A trustworthy figure of authority as a symbol of calm and care helps to build a rapport with the public and confidence in building bridges between law enforcers and the public.

4. Integrity

Police officers who follow through in performing their duties with honor and who go above and beyond without seeking attention from their superiors is a cornerstone in building trust and relationships between the officer, the department and the public. (i.e. Sean and Big Brothers Big Sisters).

5. Negotiation skills

Active listening while remaining calm, expressing empathy, treating a subject with respect, remaining non-judgmental and referring to a subject by name when possible protects both the public and officers involved and vital for both officer and subject.

6. Eagerness to learn

Certifications, internships, and a continual growth in knowledge and abilities create a sizable impact on both police departments and their communities (i.e. Sean's training in K-9 and his Master of Science degree in Emergency Management from Massachusetts Maritime Academy). Learning never ceases.

7. Mental agility

Adaption and proficiency in multiple tactics requires logic, perception, common sense and knowledge to apply logical rationale and perception thrive in excellent community policing. Mental flexibility as a life-altering skill is a fundamental quality when pursuing an investigation.