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CONSTABLE JOE MACDONALD PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS' SURVIVORS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Constable Joe MacDonald Public Safety Officers' Survivors Scholarship Fund (CJMPSOSSF) was established in 1997 to recognize the tremendous sacrifice made by our public safety officers and their families to keep Ontario safe. The scholarship is available to spouses and children of public safety officers killed in the line of duty. The scholarship may be used for tuition, textbooks and eligible living expenses for programs leading to a degree or a diploma at an approved Canadian post-secondary educational institution.

The purpose of the present communiqué is to inform you of the availability of the scholarship and to provide information on how to obtain an application form and application guidelines. **Please note that the due date for submission of applications is August 28, 2026.**

For the purpose of the scholarship, "public safety officers" includes all firefighters (full-time, part-time and volunteer) as defined in subsection 1(1) of the [Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997](#).

Legislative Update

On November 25, 2025, the [Constable Joe MacDonald Public Safety Officers' Survivors Scholarship Fund Act, 2026](#) (CJMPSOSSF Act) was introduced as part of Bill 75, the *Keeping Criminals Behind Bars Act, 2026*. On June 2, 2026, Bill 75 received Royal Assent and enacted the CJMPSOSSF Act, which establishes the Fund in statute and provides regulation-making authority that allows the ministry to expand the eligibility criteria, thereby broadening access to additional families of fallen public safety officers. Please be assured that any updates to the program eligibility criteria will be communicated to stakeholders as soon as it is available.

Please forward information about the scholarship to the attention of the appropriate areas and/or persons for distribution.

All enquiries regarding the scholarship and the application process should be sent to Yoko Iwasaki by email at yoko.iwasaki@ontario.ca or by phone at 647-532-8149.

Anyone who meets the criteria for this scholarship and wishes to obtain both the application guidelines and/or the application form (English or French) should also contact Yoko.

Additionally, written enquiries can also be sent to her attention at the address below:

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Grant funding is subject to the ministry receiving the necessary appropriation from the Ontario Legislature.