



Officer Stephen Arkell Memorial Scholarship

Rotary Club of Portsmouth Scholarship Application



On May 12, 2014 Officer Stephen Arkell of the Brentwood Police Department made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting the community he loved so dearly. Steve grew up in Brentwood, truly the product of small town New Hampshire. He attended Exeter High School and later, the University of New Hampshire. Steve began his career as a Master Carpenter and in 1997 became a Part-time Police Officer with the town. He epitomized what it meant to be a community police officer. Solving disputes with his calm demeanor. He was a peacemaker, a problem solver, a volunteer and an absolute pillar of the community, receiving many posthumous awards. He often stopped to talk to children in the community, sometimes letting them sit in the cruiser to flash the lights or turn on the siren. But Steve is remembered for what he did without the badge. He was known as a dedicated father, coach, and neighbor. He loved his community. Anyone who knew Steve would tell you he was enthusiastic, passionate, and always willing to help. Simply because it was the right thing to do. He believed in his community coming together to help one another and on April 4th, 2015 that's exactly what they did. The first annual Officer Stephen Arkell Community 5k was established to remember and honor Stephen's bravery and dedication to his hometown. The resulting Memorial Fund was established with funds from this race. Thousands of volunteers from near and far came out to ensure that Stephen's small towns values of supporting one another would never be forgotten. Values that will be demonstrated by this scholarship's recipients. Stephen Arkell continues to look over the community of Brentwood to this day.

Each year the Rotary Club of Portsmouth seeks scholarship applications from high school seniors scheduled to graduate this spring and will begin study at a post-secondary institution (either a 2 or 4 year program). Applicants must also reside in the Exeter School District. Children and Grandchildren of Exeter Rotary members are not eligible for this scholarship.

These scholarships are one-time, non-recurring awards that range from \$1,500 to \$5,000 and are made on a non-discriminatory basis to individuals who demonstrate the same sense of community, volunteerism and love of athletics that Stephen possessed. A family's financial need may also be taken into consideration by the reviewing committee. Individuals with special learning circumstances, who have worked to overcome these circumstances, are encouraged to apply for the scholarship.

Applicants are encouraged to work with their high school guidance counselor and/or college advisor when submitting the application. Once all applications have been received, the Rotary Scholarship Committee will select a pool of finalists to be interviewed individually in May.

Recipients of the award are notified approximately four weeks after the application deadline. The Scholarships are awarded to the students during the annual Exeter High School Scholarship Awards Night Ceremony in June.

Scholarship applications can be completed using the application that may be downloaded and printed from <https://officerarkell5k.org/scholarship/>

General Application Guidelines

- (i) Please answer all questions; incomplete applications will not be considered.
- (ii) Resumes should not be submitted and will not be reviewed by the committee.
- (iii) Please use only the space provided when answering essay questions.
- (iv) Two (2) letters of reference are required and must be submitted attached to the application.
- (v) An official high school transcript must be included with your application. Please see your guidance office to obtain official transcripts.
- (vi) Applications must be turned in to the Exeter High School Guidance Office representative.

APPLICANT INFORMATION (please print or type)

1) Name: _____

2) Current Mailing Address: _____

3) Home Telephone Number: _____

4) Cell Phone Number: _____

5) E-mail Address: _____

6) Date and Place of Birth: _____

7) Name(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

8) Address of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

9) Name of High/Secondary School: _____

10) Date of Graduation: _____

11) Please check the following to verify that the following documents are included with this application. **Applications without the following documents will be considered incomplete and will not be considered by the review committee.**

___ A Complete High School Transcript

___ Academic Letter of Reference (from a teacher, guidance counselor, or other school officer)

___ Community Letter of Reference (from a non-family member, employer, friend, mentor, etc.)

___ Copies of any Financial Assistance Award Notifications you've received (other scholarships or awards)

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- 12) Estimated tuition expense for the first (1st) year of the college(s) you are most likely to attend:
\$ _____
- 13) Amount you have personally saved for your first (1st) year college expenses:
\$ _____
- 14) How were the savings in 13 (above) earned? Over what period of time?
\$ _____
- 15) Does your family/guardian(s) intend to assist you with your college expenses? If so, to what extent? _____
- 16) Highest level(s) of education attained by parent(s) / guardians(s)?
(i) Father: _____
(ii) Mother: _____
- 17) Father's (guardian's) total annual income (include income earned on investments, if any):
\$ _____
- 18) Mother's (guardian's) total annual income (include income earned on investments, if any):
\$ _____
- 19) Total number of dependents in your household: _____
- 20) Total number of family members who will be attending a post-secondary school on not less than a half-time basis during the upcoming school year, including the applicant: _____
- 21) Do you plan to work or be engaged in a work/study program while attending college? _____

22) Please list other scholarships/grants/work study you have applied for or plan to apply for. Provide a copy of the notification of any financial assistance awarded by your college, and/or any other organization(s), with the application:

23) Special Scholastic Honors or Awards:

	<u>HONOR OR AWARD</u>	<u>SCHOOL YEAR</u>
(i)	_____	_____
(ii)	_____	_____
(iii)	_____	_____
(iv)	_____	_____
(v)	_____	_____
(vi)	_____	_____
(vii)	_____	_____
(viii)	_____	_____
(ix)	_____	_____
(x)	_____	_____

24) Extracurricular Activities (list all activities in which you were engaged during school grades 9-12. Indicate offices or positions held and average hours per week devoted to each activity, and any special recognition: (all-state, festivals, etc)

	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>SCHOOL YEAR</u>
(i)	_____	_____
(ii)	_____	_____
(iii)	_____	_____
(iv)	_____	_____
(v)	_____	_____
(vi)	_____	_____
(vii)	_____	_____
(viii)	_____	_____
(ix)	_____	_____
(x)	_____	_____
(xi)	_____	_____
(xii)	_____	_____
(xiii)	_____	_____
(xiv)	_____	_____
(xv)	_____	_____

25) Employment experience (list and identify type(s) of employment, hours worked, relationship of jobs to career goals if applicable, and supervisor's name)

- (i) _____

- (ii) _____

- (iii) _____

- (iv) _____

26) Community Service (list community service activities in which you participated during school years 9-12. Indicate average number of hours per week involved and please provide supervisor's name)

	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>HRS. / WEEK</u>	<u>YEAR(S)</u>	<u>SUPERVISOR</u>
(i)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(ii)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(iii)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(iv)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(v)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(vi)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(vii)	_____	_____	_____	_____

27) College/School plans (list colleges or post-secondary schools to which you have applied or intend to apply. Indicate planned major, and whether accepted or not)

	<u>COLLEGE / SCHOOL</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>ACCEPTED</u>	<u>EARLY DECISION (YES / NO)</u>
(i)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(ii)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(iii)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(iv)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(v)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(vi)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(vii)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(viii)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(ix)	_____	_____	_____	_____
(x)	_____	_____	_____	_____

28) What do you expect to 'get out' of your college experience?

29) What are your post-graduate career goals?

30) Why should you be selected to receive this scholarship? What sets you apart from others who are also applying?

31) What serves as your internal moral or ethical compass?

32) Explain what you think makes a great community to live in.

I (applicant) hereby certify that the foregoing referenced is accurate and complete.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**** Did you remember to include:**

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Notes: _____

