

THE JOHN H. STAMLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The County Prosecutor's Association of New Jersey Foundation Scholarships 501(c)(3) is a non-profit corporation which annually awards scholarships to law students and college and graduate students.

Each scholarship is a one-year grant in the amount of \$3,500 paid directly to the recipient. Persons may not reapply for succeeding years.

To be eligible, an applicant must be a New Jersey resident and a sworn law enforcement officer seeking educational advancement on a college or graduate level to improve his or her effectiveness as a law enforcement officer. The applicant must also demonstrate financial need.

Applications must be postmarked or emailed by July 17, 2026. Personal interviews of finalists will be conducted. Applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision in August 2026. Please use the following link to download a copy of the application: <https://ocponj.gov/cpanjscholarshipapp/>.

Applications should be sent to:

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**c/o Prosecutor Bradley D. Billhimer
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119 Hooper Avenue
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OR

Emailed to:

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JOHN H. STAMLER (1938-1990)

Those of us who were fortunate enough to know John H. Stamler during his time with us know of a man whose life was marked with integrity and compassion, a man with a delightful wit and an acute sense of fairness coupled with a strong desire to be of service.

John was the first Prosecutor in New Jersey ever to be appointed to three consecutive terms. He was first appointed by Governor Brendan Byrne on May 12, 1977, reappointed to a second term by Governor Thomas Kean on November 3, 1982 and then reappointed again to the unprecedented third term by Governor Kean on May 16, 1988.

He was twice chosen to be president of the County Prosecutors Association, serving from 1983 to 1984 and again from 1989 to 1990.

John graduated from Lafayette College and Vanderbilt University Law School and was admitted to the New Jersey Bar in 1965. He was sworn in as a Union County Assistant Union County on December 14, 1967 and was supervisor of the first countywide narcotics strike force, combining county investigators and municipal police officers in a joint assault against drug dealers.

He was known throughout New Jersey as a man who loved law enforcement with an unbridled passion, a man so driven by a desire to be of use to his fellow man that he would not allow the physical pain and problems associated with his heart transplant and terminal illness to stand in the way of performing his duties.

His list of awards, accomplishments and honors fills several pages, but suffice it to say he was indeed recognized for his innovations in such areas as domestic violence, child abuse, victim/witness assistance, crime prevention and most of all, the battle against the scourge of drugs.

Beyond all of that, he took the time to remember birthdays, children and the special events in the lives of friends, staff members and those closest to him.

The Union County Police Academy Building, as well as this special annual scholarship award, are forever named in honor and in memory of "Mister Prosecutor," John H. Stamler.

II. Applicant's Educational Background (Circle School for which Scholarship Application is submitted and attach proof of acceptance or attendance)

A. Secondary: _____
Name and Address of High School

B. Undergraduate: _____
Name and Address of College/University

Anticipated Year of Graduation **Degree**

Major Field of Study **Cumulative Grade Point Average**

C. Graduate: _____
Name and Address of Institution

Anticipated Year of Graduation **Degree**

Major Field of Study **Cumulative Grade Point Average**

D. Law School: _____
Name and Address of Institution

Anticipated Year of Graduation **Degree**

Major Field of Study **Cumulative Grade Point Average**

III. Financial Information (Provide Figures Pertaining to the Academic Year for which Scholarship Application is Submitted)

A. Estimated Cost of Education, including Tuition, Room & Board and books.

B. Applicant's Current Yearly Salary: _____

C. Spouse's Current Yearly Salary: _____

D. All Other Sources of Income or Support, including parental: _____

E. All Other Grants, Financial Aid and Scholarships: _____

F. State any Other Information Relevant to Applicant's Financial Need: _____

IV. Special Honors or Prizes

Specify any special recognitions, honors or prizes which you have achieved including academic work, the arts, athletics, and community service.

V. Resume & Personal Statement

Attach to and submit with your Application a copy of your Resume and a typed Statement of your educational and career objectives. Your statement should describe your interest in pursuing a career as a prosecutor with an emphasis in Domestic Violence or Hate Crimes Prosecutions.

Date Completed ____/____/2025

Applicant's Signature