

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

**2017 Scholarship**



### Scholarships Available:

Four 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, 2016 to May 31, 2017) who is a United States and Georgia citizen graduating by the spring of 2016 or any student currently enrolled in a school of accredited higher education located in Georgia is eligible to apply for a 2017 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](http://www.coag.info)).

#### Essay:

The 1,000 word essay must be typed or computer generated, double-spaced, twelve point font, on 8 ½ x 11 unlined white bond 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. 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 2016-2017:

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 ***pick a constitutional office in your county and describe the mandated duties of that office and tell us why the oath of office is important?***

**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 their essay. Additional consideration will be given to those who have made any contribution to their local government and/or their local law enforcement community. 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, 2017 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 April 1, 2017 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 [coagoffice@bellsouth.net](mailto:coagoffice@bellsouth.net)

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**2017 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: \_\_\_\_\_