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Dear Applicant,

In an effort to encourage individuals to further their education in **law enforcement**, Physical Therapy Specialists Clinic, Inc. established the Nathan R. Murphy Memorial Scholarship. This \$1,000 annual scholarship was established in 2002 to honor Nathan's memory and to help area law enforcement officers continue their education and skill basis.

The Nathan R. Murphy Memorial Scholarship is non renewable and will be available each year for an individual in Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Shannon, Texas, or Wright County who is starting or furthering their education in law enforcement. Applicants must have a GPA of at least 2.5 or the equivalent, or a GED score of 286 or higher.

An independent board will review the scholarship applications and will base their scoring on the following written criteria:

- **ESSAY** 40 Possible Points
- **FINANCIAL NEED** 30 Possible Points
- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** (including work experience) 20 Possible Points
- **ACADEMICS** 10 Possible Points
- **INTERVIEW** 50 Possible Points

The three applicants with the highest scores based on their written application will be required to attend a brief interview with the scholarship board members in West Plains on a date to be determined. Applicants will be contacted by phone to arrange the interview date and time. The interview will be worth a possible 50 points. The applicant with the highest total number of points out of a possible 150 will be awarded the \$1,000 Nathan R. Murphy Memorial Scholarship in late September, 2015

This year scholarship applications will also be accepted from law enforcement agencies to fund special programs, training, and/or equipment.

Applications must be received at either Physical Therapy Specialists Clinic location in West Plains or Mtn. Grove or postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on July 14, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 695-5669.

Sincerely,

Ashley Short
Nathan R. Murphy Scholarship Board Secretary

Nathan R. Murphy Biography

On February 19, 2001, Nathan Murphy was killed while on duty as a Chief Deputy for the Oregon County Sheriff's Department. Nathan, son of Velma and the late Ralph Murphy, was born and raised in the Alton area. In 1990, at the age of 23, Nathan became the Chief of Police for the City of Alton. Three years later, he became an Oregon County Chief Deputy where he remained until his sudden death.