



ARIZONA BLACK LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEES (A.B.L.E)

A.J. MILLER COMMUNITY ACTION SCHOLARSHIP

SECTION 1 — SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

The A.J. Miller Community Action Scholarship, established by the Arizona Black Law Enforcement Employees (A.B.L.E.), honors the legacy of Andrew James “A.J.” Miller Jr., a retired Phoenix Police Officer and Civil Rights pioneer. Mr. Miller dedicated his life to justice, equity, and community empowerment, inspiring future generations to lead with courage and compassion.

This \$1,000 scholarship supports Arizona students who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, and a commitment to social justice through community engagement and service. If awarded the scholarship, the funds will be given directly to the recipient and may be applied toward educational expenses such as tuition, books, transportation to and from school, course fees, and other school-related costs. This ensures students can use the award in the way that best supports their academic success and continued community impact.

SECTION 2 — ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled full-time or part-time (minimum 6 credit hours) at an accredited two- or four-year college or university
- Arizona resident or currently attending a college/university in Arizona
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- One letter of recommendation from a non-family member
- 300–500 word essay (PDF)
- Digital headshot (JPEG)
- Signed photograph release
- Not an immediate family member of the ABLE Board or Steering Committee
- Previous recipients of this scholarship are not eligible to reapply

Application Submission:

*** Your completed application packet and all required documents must be emailed to arizonaable@gmail.com by **1159 hours on September 6, 2026** ***



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SECTION 3 — APPLICANT INFORMATION (Fillable fields)

Applicant's name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Phone:

Email address:

SECTION 4 — ACADEMIC INFORMATION

College/ University Name:

School address:

Cumulative GPA:

If a recent high school graduate:

High School Name:

Final HS GPA:

Current Classification

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Current or Intended Major:

SECTION 5 — SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL NEED

List all scholarships you have applied for or received:



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Explain how receiving this scholarship will support your educational goals and financial needs:

SECTION 6 — WORK EXPERIENCE

Job title	Employer Name	Dates of Employment	Primary Responsibilities	Supervisor Contact (Name and phone)

SECTION 7 - EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List all extracurricular activities, clubs, organizations, sports, and leadership roles. Include years of involvement and positions held:



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SECTION 8 — COMMUNITY SERVICE

Organization Name	Dates	Description of Service	Supervisor Contact (Name & Phone)

SECTION 9 — HONORS & ACHIEVEMENTS

List of honors, awards, and achievements:

Award name	Granting organization	Date received



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SECTION 10 - CAREER GOALS & QUALIFICATIONS

Describe your career goals and aspirations:

Explain why you consider yourself a strong candidate for this scholarship:



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SECTION 11 - ESSAY REQUIREMENT

Write a 300-500 word essay addressing the following topic:

A.J. Miller believed in the power of community action to create lasting change. Describe a moment when you took initiative to address a social issue or improve your community. What motivated you to act, what challenges did you face, and what impact did your efforts have? How will you continue to lead and advocate for justice in the future?



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SECTION 12 — REFLECTION QUESTIONS (2–3 sentences each)

What does “community action” mean to you?

How do you plan to use your education or future career to create positive change?

SECTION 13 — LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Recommender Name:

Email:

Phone:

Title/Position:

The individual providing your letter of recommendation must submit a typed letter, on official letterhead, directly to **arizonaable@gmail.com**. The subject line must include your full name.

The recommendation letter should include the following:

- The recommender’s relationship to you and how long they have known you
- Specific examples of your character, integrity, and reliability
- Observations of your leadership abilities, initiative, or community involvement
- Your academic or professional strengths, including work ethic and follow-through
- Any notable contributions you have made to your school, workplace, or community
- A clear statement explaining why the recommender believes you are a strong candidate for the A.J. Miller Community Action Scholarship

Acceptable recommenders include:

School counselor, teacher/professor, employer, community service supervisor, or church leader.



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SECTION 14 — PHOTOGRAPH RELEASE & CERTIFICATION

I certify that all information provided is true and accurate. I authorize ABLE to verify any information included in this application. If selected, I grant ABLE permission to use my name and photograph for organizational publications and marketing.

Applicant name:

Date:

Applicant Signature:

SECTION 15 — APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Completed and signed application

300–500 word essay

Official college transcript (if applicable)

Proof of current college enrollment (schedule or verification letter)

Letter of recommendation (sent directly)

Digital headshot (JPEG)

Digital signature on photograph release

SECTION 16 — SUBMISSION DETAILS

Email completed application packet to:

- arizonaable@gmail.com

Application Deadline:

- September 6, 2026, at 11:59 PM

Recipient Notification:

- September 14, 2026 (via email)

Awards Luncheon/Ceremony: September 25 at 12 pm

- Recipient or designated representative must attend
- The scholarship recipient, along with up to 2 guests may attend free of charge