

NOBLE Massachusetts U.S. Marshal Dr. John Gibbons Criminal Justice Scholarship

The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives of Massachusetts (NOBLE

MA) Dr. John Gibbons Criminal Justice Scholarship will be awarded annually to a person of

color who exemplifies the highest academic and personal excellence. Law enforcement is one of the most fulfilling professions. NOBLE MA wants to honor a beloved chapter founding member while helping students pursue their criminal justice and/or public safety dreams.

Applicants will be judged on their GPA, volunteer work, and extracurricular activities, as well as their essays and recommendations.

Scholarship eligibility

- Applicants must be Massachusetts permanent residents, high school seniors, or undergraduates accepted to an accredited two or four-year college majoring in criminal justice between the ages of 17 and 23, with a 3.0 GPA.
- Applications must be received by 5:00 pm on August 15, 2025
- No late or incomplete submissions will be considered.

Application packet

- Application
- Official academic transcript
- One letter of recommendation/reference
- 500-word essay (Please choose from one of two topics below)
- Acceptance letter (and declared major)
- Supporting documentation: Massachusetts driver's license or Government ID
- Applicants should take the time to reflect prior to filling out the application.
- The essay should be typed, double-spaced, in Times New Roman
- 12pt, with 1" margins
- Essay Theme/Question: Choose one of the following:

- a. What are your thoughts on current debates within the criminal justice system, such as restorative justice, the death penalty, or prison reform? (Please choose one of the topics in the question.)
- b. As a future criminal justice/public safety practitioner, how will you apply or use your major to advocate for improving services and support for justice-involved people?

The application packet should then be scanned and emailed to:

NOBLEMAScholarship@gmail.com

or mailed to NOBLE Massachusetts

300 Andover Street #213

Peabody, MA 01960

Things to Consider:

If you are mailing your packet, ensure enough time to be received by the due date.

Have you proofread your application, essay, and personal statement? Please do not use AI to complete these tasks. Anyone found to have done that will be automatically disqualified.

Grammar and spelling count.

Scholarship notifications will be made by means listed on the application; please ensure your email address and phone number are correct. Be sure to check your voicemail for notifications. Although preferred, you do not have to be present at the fundraising event to be a successful candidate.

Scholarships will be awarded at the Dr. John Gibbon's scholarship dinner on Friday, September 26, 2025, at the Kennedy Institute at UMASS Boston.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

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