



NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (NECCD)

The 2026 John H. Lorenzen Scholarship and Achievement Award

The Scholarship and Awards Committee is honored to present the Scholarship and Achievement Award in memory of the late John H. Lorenzen.

John began his career with the Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC) in 1973 when he accepted a position as a guard at the Maine State Prison following his college graduation. In 1974, John enlisted in the United States Air Force. When his enlistment ended, John transitioned to law enforcement in 1983 when he accepted a position as a police officer with the Rockland Police Department. It was during this time that John had the opportunity to work with probation officers (PO) and juvenile community corrections (JCCO) and felt he could have a bigger impact on his community if he became a probation officer. In 1989, John embarked on a journey that would change the trajectory of so many lives. He was hired by the MDOC as a JCCO but due to state budget cuts, was laid off. John returned to patrol work with Thomaston Police Department. His passion for community corrections never ceased and in 1996 he returned to the MDOC. In 2000, John transitioned from working with youth to working with adults as a PO and worked tirelessly for the next 6 years as a probation officer. In 2006, John was promoted to a supervisory role. He took great care in nurturing and supporting his staff, always leading by example. In 2022, John retired from state service. His retirement was short lived, 30 days, before he returned to the department as a probation officer assistant where he remained until his death in 2022.

For over 30 years, John worked passionately as a probation officer touching so many lives; from the clients he served, to the relationships he built within the department and the community. John was always there, ready to work with a positive and optimistic attitude that was contagious. John participated in many departmental initiatives and was instrumental in the initial rollout of evidence-based practices, case planning, upgrades to our databases, policy changes, and countless others. John's entire adult life was dedicated to his family, public service, and serving the people of the State of Maine and the United States. John was a constant support to the clients he worked with, a friend to his coworkers and later, a mentor to the officers he supervised.

The John H. Lorenzen Scholarship is awarded to those students who have exhibited excellence in the areas of academic achievement and leadership. Recipients must exhibit characteristics/values that embody a positive and determined attitude.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Preference is given to students enrolled full-time at an accredited college in an undergraduate degree program
- Should there be no qualified undergraduate applicants, a graduate student applicant may be considered
- Preference will be given to those going into the public service field, however other fields may be considered.

For 2026, the scholarship fund amount will be \$4000.00.

To Apply:

To be considered for the John H. Lorenzen Scholarship and Achievement Award, students must electronically apply, including the following documents to the NECCD Scholarship Committee no later than **August 31, 2026:**

- Official college document/transcript which accurately reflects your current enrollment status and GPA.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- A 500-word personal statement describing how this scholarship would assist with the completion of your degree in your chosen major, as well as with your career goals. You are required to include civic, athletic, and community involvement, and state how you feel these qualify you as a candidate for the award.

***Late submissions will not be accepted. Only complete applications will be considered. The anticipated award will be announced during the NECCD Annual Conference. All information will be kept confidential, except for information that is needed for the public announcement of the award.



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JOHN H. LORENZEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

2026 AWARD APPLICATION

1. The scholarship fund is \$4,000.00; awards are determined by the scholarship committee.
2. The applicant must be a NECCD member *for at least the prior two years (2024 & 2025)* or the immediate family of a member to be considered; prior award recipients cannot reapply.
3. The member's 2026 membership dues must be paid before May 1, 2026.
4. Preference is given to applicants matriculating in a recognized institution of higher learning in an undergraduate degree program. If there are no qualified undergraduate applicants, a graduate student may be considered. Preference will be given to students going into the field of public service.
5. The annual **John H. Lorenzen Scholarship** recipient(s) will be notified by mail.

The application must be completed and submitted in its entirety, and be accompanied by the following to be considered:

Transcript of most recent grades

Letter of Acceptance to your school

Three Letters of Recommendation from the references listed below

Personal Statement of 500 words stating why you should be selected for this scholarship.

Completed Applications must be received **NO LATER THAN August 31, 2026.**

Paper applications are no longer accepted.

To apply, you must have or create a Google account.

Applications cannot be edited once submitted.

Link to Application

<https://forms.gle/wsdB1p7xs7Wqqs1H7>

The Awards Luncheon will be held on Tuesday 10/27/2026.

Questions?

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