



The Utah 1033 Foundation 2026 Leadership Award Program

Application Rules and Procedures

The Utah 1033 Foundation will award up to three (3) Fallen Hero Leadership Awards, each given in honor of Utah Peace Officers lost in the line of duty since the Utah 1033 Foundation's establishment, and each carrying a stipend of \$5,000, for post-secondary education to qualifying students in 2026, based on a competitive selection process. Winners will be notified in April 2026. Leadership Award funds cannot be claimed without proof of current enrollment at an accredited College, University, or Vocational Certificate Program as designated by The Utah 1033 Foundation, and must be claimed by August 31st, 2028.

Rules for Application to the Leadership Awards Program

- Applicant must be a natural child, legally adopted child, or step-child of a currently actively employed sworn Utah peace officer, **or** be a natural child, legally adopted child, or step-child of a parent/guardian who passed away while actively employed as a sworn Utah peace officer.
- Applicant must have a cumulative High School GPA of at least 3.5, **and** a cumulative College/University/Vocational Certificate Program GPA of at least 3.3 (if applicable)
- Applicant must be a currently enrolled High School Senior, or be currently enrolled in an accredited College, University, or Vocational Certificate Program as a full-time student
- Applicant must be aged 25 or younger
- Applicant must submit a **complete** application packet as described in the "How to Apply" section below via U.S. Mail, **postmarked no later than January 31st, 2026**
- No individual may win more than two Leadership Awards from the Utah 1033 Foundation
- Applicants must not be immediate family members of the Utah 1033 Foundation's staff or Governing Board
- Submitted materials will not be returned
- Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their respective GPAs, course rigor, and the originality, leadership qualities, and depth of thought reflected in their response to the essay prompt
- Applicants not meeting the criteria as described in this section will not be considered or evaluated
- Incomplete applications will not be considered or evaluated
- Any submitted materials not requested in the "How to Apply" section below will not be considered or evaluated
- Once applicable, each Award recipient agrees to notify The Utah 1033 Foundation of his or her graduation date from College, University, or Vocational Certificate Program, and of the degree or certificate earned

How to Apply

The Utah 1033 Foundation 2026 Leadership Award application packet is available as a download from The Utah 1033 Foundation's website at <https://utah1033.org/programs/leadership-awards/>. To apply, applicants **must** submit the following:

- Completed Application Form, signed by both 1) the Applicant **and** 2) the Qualifying Parent/Guardian or appropriate Qualifying Parent/Guardian representative (see details on page 2 below)
- Completed Release Form, signed by both 1) the Applicant **and** 2) the Qualifying Parent/Guardian or appropriate Qualifying Parent/Guardian representative (see details on page 3 below)
- A three-page (maximum), double spaced essay in response to the prompt provided on the Application Form
- Official High School **and** College/University/Vocational Certificate Program transcripts (if applicable). An official high school transcript **must** be submitted. **NOTE: Please ensure that all submitted transcripts are physically marked and sealed OFFICIAL by the issuing institution; self-reported transcripts (i.e. transcripts printed by the student from the institution's web portal, transcripts not submitted in an envelope physically sealed by the issuing institution, etc.) will not be considered or counted towards the completion of the application.**
- Self-picture (for use on website, media releases and other marketing materials)
- **Submit all required items in a single package to The Utah 1033 Foundation, ATTN: Leadership Awards, P.O. Box 4522, Park City, UT 84060. Applications must be postmarked by January 31, 2026.**



The Utah 1033 Foundation 2026 Leadership Award Program *Application Form*

I. Applicant Information (please type or print legibly)

Name _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____

Full Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Current School _____ Current Grade (*must be currently enrolled in 12th grade, or in an accredited college/university/vocational certificate program as a full-time student*) _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

School and Semester for which Award Funds will be used, if granted _____

Qualifying Parent/Guardian Name _____ Law Enforcement Unit _____

Parent/Guardian Phone # _____ Parent/Guardian Email _____

Qualifying Parent/Guardian Badge # _____ Parent/Guardian Signature* _____

*By signing this document, the Parent/Guardian of the applicant confirms that as of the date of the submission of this application for a Utah 1033 Leadership Award, he/she/they 1) is the legal guardian of the applicant and 2) is employed as an active sworn Utah Peace Officer, or is the duly designated representative of another of the applicant's parents / guardians who was actively employed as a sworn Utah Peace Officer at the time of his/her/their death.

II. Required Essay Topic

Please include a separate essay (no more than three pages, double spaced) in response to the following prompt. Please feel free to conduct research and to ask friends, parents, teachers, mentors, colleagues, etc. for their opinions and knowledge – the more research you do and the more you discuss this topic with others before sitting down to write, the more “tested” your ideas may be, but please write the essay in your own voice and make sure it represents your own work, with references cited for any non-original thoughts and arguments per MLA works cited guidelines.

- Based on your research, have political and civic discourse in the United States become more polarized in recent years? If you believe so, what does your research suggest as root causes? If you believe not, how does your research back your assertion? In either case, do you believe the current situation is ideal and should be preserved, or do you think change is needed? As a future leader, based on your research regarding the current situation, what would you do either to 1) preserve the status quo or 2) foster appropriate change? What might the future consequences be if your proposed actions aren't taken, and why will your proposed actions prove beneficial and effective? Defend your position.



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Release Form

I, _____ (“Applicant”) hereby acknowledge and accept the Application Rules and Procedures for this program and affirm that all the information included in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that the submitted essay represents my own original work. I consent that my full name, hometown, and photo and (or) on camera footage – including but not limited to my photo submitted with this application and images and footage of me and my family members or guests captured at an Awards presentation ceremony – may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary or desirable by The Utah 1033 Foundation. I also consent that The Utah 1033 Foundation may contact my current school and the school at which I intend to use Award funds, if granted, to verify my enrollment status. I acknowledge that all application materials become the property of The Utah 1033 Foundation and that they and (or) their included information may be used for any purpose deemed necessary or desirable by The Utah 1033 Foundation.

I, _____ (“Parent/Guardian”) hereby acknowledge and accept the Application Rules and Procedures for this program and affirm that the Applicant is my child, adopted child, or step-child, and that I am an actively employed, sworn Utah Peace Officer or that I am the duly designated representative of the applicant’s parent / guardian who was actively employed as a sworn Utah Peace Officer at the time of his/her/their death. I consent that my (and (or) the qualifying parent / guardian’s for this application) full name, hometown, Utah Law Enforcement Agency, and photo and (or) on camera footage – including but not limited to images and footage of me and my family members or guests captured at an Awards presentation ceremony – may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary or desirable by The Utah 1033 Foundation. In the event that the Applicant is under the age of 18, I consent that the Applicant’s full name, hometown, and photo and (or) on camera footage – including but not limited to his/her/their photo submitted with this application and images and footage of him/her/them and family members or guests captured at an Awards presentation ceremony – may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary or desirable by The Utah 1033 Foundation. I also consent that The Utah 1033 Foundation may contact the Applicant’s current school and the school at which the Applicant intends to use Award funds, if granted, to verify his/her/their enrollment status. I acknowledge that all application materials become the property of The Utah 1033 Foundation and that they and (or) their included information may be used for any purpose deemed necessary or desirable by The Utah 1033 Foundation.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date