

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 aims to honor a beloved founding member of a cherished chapter while helping students pursue their dreams in criminal justice and/or public safety. Majors are not limited to law enforcement; however, applicants must be able to demonstrate how their major will support criminal justice, public safety, and law enforcement.

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, between the ages of 17 and 23, with a 3.0 GPA.
- Applications must be received by 5:00 pm on September 13, 2026. *Subject to change based on number of applicants received.*
- No late or incomplete submissions will be considered.
- Applicants must be a US Citizens.

Application Packet Checklist

- Official academic transcript
 - Two letters of recommendation/reference
 - Acceptance letter (and declared major) is required of high school seniors and undergraduates.
 - Supporting documentation: Massachusetts driver's license or Government ID.
Note: *US Citizenship required*
 - Application
 - The essay should be typed, double-spaced, in Times New Roman
 - 12pt, with 1" margins
 - 500-word essay (Please choose from one of two topics below)
 - Essay Theme/Question: Choose one of the following:
- 1) In what ways do you believe your chosen college major prepares you to contribute meaningfully to your community, and how can the knowledge and skills you gain be applied to advance progress, innovation, or reform within the criminal justice field?

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- 2) If you were provided with substantial resources and funding to apply the strengths of your academic discipline to support individuals who are justice-involved, what specific initiative would you design, how would you equip yourself to carry it out effectively, and what indicators would you use to evaluate its success?

Application Submission

Upload scanned application packet to the NOBLE MA Scholarship Committee at [Scholarship Submission](#)

OR

The application packet should then be scanned and emailed to:

noblemassachusetts@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 Saturday, September 26, 2026. Framingham State University-The Forum, located inside the McCarthy Center at 100 State Street, Framingham, MA

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

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APPLICATION

DATE: _____

FULL NAME: _____ **DATE OF BIRTH:** _____

BIRTHPLACE (CITY, STATE): _____ **USA CITIZEN (yes/no):** _____

Email Scholarship to: noblemassachusetts@gmail.com

ESSAY QUESTION:

Select an essay question being answered. The essay should be typed, double-spaced, in Times New Roman. 12pt, with 1" margins. 500-word essay (Please choose from one of two topics below)

☐ Question 1: In what ways do you believe your chosen college major prepares you to contribute meaningfully to your community, and how can the knowledge and skills you gain be applied to advance progress, innovation, or reform within the criminal justice field?

☐ Question 2: If you were provided with substantial resources and funding to apply the strengths of your academic discipline to support individuals who are justice involved, what specific initiative would you design, how would you equip yourself to carry it out effectively, and what indicators would you use to evaluate its success?