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Local Hayfield Candidates



Chris Nelson



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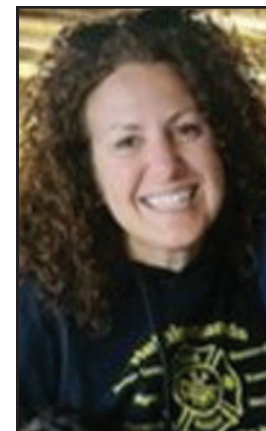
Richard (Rick) Linskey



Joshua Therring



Tyler Kramer



Rachel Gagliasso

Rich Fjerstad is the current Hayfield Mayor and running unopposed.

There are six names on the ballot for the two open Hayfield City Council.

Chris Nelson has lived in Hayfield his whole life, other than 4 years in the US Navy, so 46 years. Chris and his wife Michele have triplets Carly Isaac and Aidan, they are 21

years old

He is currently the business owner of Nelson's Gas Inc of Hayfield. This will be his first time to run for the city council. "I've

worked with the maintenance crew for many years."

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Announcements

- GriefShare support group for anyone experiencing loss of a loved one, friend, or other significant person in their lives, meets Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, at Anchor Of Hope Church, 203 E. Main St., Dodge Center, MN. Contact Dale E. Rood, pastor emeritus, at 507-633-2772, or go to the GriefShare website.
- The United Methodist Church of Dodge Center at 20 First Street NE offers a dine in and carry out meal from 5:00-6:00pm the third Wednesday of each month.

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Shikhar Kanki

Hayfield Grocery Celebrates First Year

The Hayfield Grocery, Hardware and Liquor Store had an open house this past weekend to commemorate their first year in business. Store owner Shikhar Kanki and his wife live in Rochester and staff the store with help from a couple part time employees. The 5,000 square foot grocery store offers a full selection of fresh meat, dairy, eggs and produce along with the canned and dry goods, bread and frozen products. He has reset the store with a more convenient and friendly arrangement of the display aisles and recently finished an upgrade of the freezers and cold storage. They are proud to offer a complete selection for your grocery shopping needs.

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The Power of Story



By Peter Moen
Concord Church of Christ

In the background of our lives are stories. More than facts and figures and outcomes, stories guide how we live our lives, how we interact with people, how we work, what we hope for. We attach ourselves to stories and, sometimes, we become a character in the stories. We imagine our lives lived through the people, places, and events of these stories.

Think of the story of The Little Engine that Could. Seared into my mind is this board book with the blue steam-powered locomotive with a smiling face on the smokestack. On the pages of the book is the story of a train carrying toys and food to kids who are on the other side of the mountain. The locomotive pulling the train breaks down and the toys and food are left stranded on the tracks.

As other locomotives pass by the helpless train they are either too important or too old to make the trip, but then comes along another smaller, less important locomotive who says, "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can."

From this story is born a belief that even the smallest, most seemingly insignificant of characters can do big things if they just try. How many times have children said, "I think

I can," to some daunting task because of a story told to them? This is the way stories work in our lives. They expand our imagination and encourage us to live in a certain way.

Jesus knows this. In his ministry one of his favorite ways to get a point across was to tell stories. Throughout the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke we receive stories—parables—about how we are called to understand the world and how to live our lives. These parables invite us not to elucidate theological doctrines, but they invite us to imagine real world examples of how we interact with God's creation.

In Luke 15 Jesus tells of a man who had two sons. The younger son asked for his inheritance and moved away to a distant land and squandered his inheritance. He became destitute and lowered himself to feeding pigs and even tempted to eat their food. He had hit rock bottom. He decided to return home and beg for mercy from his father. He figured becoming a servant of his father would make for a better life than where he presently found himself.

Instead, the father joyously received his son back, restored him as a son, and threw a big party. The older son was angry and jealous. He had always been faithful to his father, but he had not received such a celebration as his bum of a younger brother. But the merciful father says, "My son you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

In this parable we learn about a merciful fa-

ther, a jealous, angry older son, and a foolish, repentant younger son. We are invited by Jesus to attach ourselves to any one of them—or all of them—and decide how we ought to respond! We are invited by Jesus to participate in the actions of a story that shows love and mercy and grace and forgiveness.

Through parables we learn who is our brother and sister and how we are to love them. We are taught how our Good Father will provide for us. We are taught what God's kingdom is all about and how we are to live in it. We are taught how to pray.

The power of stories is something we underestimate to our own peril. And stories are all around us. Politicians tell us stories. Social media influencers tell us stories. Pop stars tell

us stories. Sports tell us stories. What stories are you consuming and making part of your story? Are you taking hold of stories that are life-giving and God pleasing?

Jesus tells us parables that are meant to guide us to become more like who we were ultimately created to be—human beings made in God's image reflecting the same love He has shown us. In Jesus' parables we are given powerful stories, more powerful than any of the other stories this world can tell. May we take hold of Jesus' parables in our lives and may we reflect their life-giving truth in our daily walk.

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Semcac is currently accepting applications for a Food Shelf Manager, 24 hours per week, at the Kasson Contact Center.

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205 Mantorville Ave S, Kasson
Sunday 6pm worship

Community Celebration Church
Pastor: Steve Larson • 507-634-1463
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Sunday worship 9am & 10:30am

First Baptist Church
Pastor: John Todor
305 4th St, Kasson
Sunday 9:30am Sunday school; 10:30am worship

Church of the Holy Family
Father John Lasuba • 507-634-7520
1904 Mantorville Ave N, Kasson
Sunday 8:30am Mass; Wednesday 9am Mass

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Pat Dee pastoral asst. • 507-634-6081
101 1st St, NE, Kasson
Sunday 10am worship; Wednesday 5:30pm community meal

Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pastor Karl Christie • 507-634-3183
600 8th Ave NW, Kasson
Sunday 9am worship

South Zumbro Lutheran LCMC
Pastors: Pete Wyttenbach & Jeff Bernards
4830 120th Ave SW, Kasson
Sunday Worship 9:00a.m.

St. John's Lutheran ELCA
John Welsenburger, Deborah Lyanga, Kristin Schlauderaff
507-634-7110
301 8th Ave NW, Kasson
Sunday 9am; Wednesday 6:30pm

Pleasant Corners Evangelical Church
Pastor: Jacob Hanson • 507-634-7823
21927 650th St, Kasson
Sunday 11am

Area Church Directory

The Heart Command

I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." — Romans 7:7

Most people agree that the commandments we have been discussing lately—about promoting justice, honesty, respect for others and their property, and more—offer clear, practical boundaries for living together in society. Guidelines like these are found in all kinds of societies around the world.

We might even think, like many of God's people in ancient Israel did, that keeping these commands is possible. But the law doesn't satisfy God's requirements for our hearts. The apostle Paul painfully realized this when he wrestled with the darkness in his own heart. Though he thought he had been able to keep these commandments through his actions, he was cut to the heart when he read, "You shall not covet." God commands that we show love not only through our actions but also with our hearts. By this standard, we are all guilty of failing to love others.

Thankfully, our heart problem can be solved. "While we were still sinners," Paul writes in Romans 5:8, "Christ died for us." Jesus is the only one who could ever satisfy the demands of God's law for perfect obedience and love. And since we are forgiven through Jesus' sacrifice for our sake, the Holy Spirit gives us new hearts directed toward loving God and our neighbors.

Our new life in Christ moves us beyond mere outward obedience. By trusting Jesus, our restless hearts find true satisfaction in him alone, so that we can truly love others.

Jesus, thank you for rescuing us. By your Spirit, fill our hearts so that we can love others as you have loved us. Amen.

KASSON

Grace Methodist Church
Pastor: Jacob Hanson • 507-634-7823
801 5th Ave NW, Kasson
Sunday 9am worship; 10am fellowship
10:30am Sunday school

First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Loren Olson • 507-634-7481
101 6th Ave NW, Kasson
Sunday 10am worship; 11am fellowship

Kasson Church of Christ
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901 8th Ave NW, Kasson
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Wednesday 7:30pm prayer service

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CedarCreekChurch.org
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Pastor Paul Thompson • 507-365-8222
West: 70640 260 Ave, Hayfield • WestStOlaf.org
Worship 10:00a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
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The 2026-27 School Year is Off to a Great Start



Luke Lutterman
Triton Superintendent

Our students are settling into routines, procedures, and expectations. Staff members are working hard to establish the foundation for a successful school year.

There are many experiences and milestone moments throughout each school year and each child's educational journey. When we reflect on our school experiences, we remember the relationships built, the life lessons we learned, and fun events such as homecoming, prom, snow week, field trips, and graduation.

Homecoming 2026 will take place October 5-10. We hope to bring our entire Triton community together (Claremont, Dodge Center, and West Concord) to celebrate our traditions and support our current students and staff.

The highlights for Homecoming Week are listed below:

- Coronation, Monday, October 5, 7:00 PM
- Volleyball Vs. Hayfield, Tuesday, October 6, 1:30 PM Vs. Hayfield
- Boys Volleyball Juniors Vs. Seniors, Tuesday, October 6, After Volleyball Games
- Powderpuff Flag Football, Wednesday, October 7, 6:00 PM
- Parade, Friday, October 9, 1:15 PM (route



Triton Homecoming Parade

Friday, October 9, 1:15 PM



pictured above)

- Football Game, October 9, 7 PM Vs. Dover-Eyota (recognition of 2006 Prep Bowl Champs)
- Dance for Grades 9-12, October 10, 7 PM

As a reminder to our school community, Homecoming is a special time to celebrate all the great things happening at Triton. We're proud to support school spirit and create memorable experiences for our students and families. As we head into this exciting time, we want to remind everyone that "because it's homecoming week" is not a sufficient excuse for inappropriate behavior. Unsportsmanlike or destructive behaviors will not be

tolerated. We want this week to reflect the very best of Triton.

We have so much to be proud of - our fantastic students, dedicated staff, and supportive families. By working together, we can ensure Homecoming is a positive experience for all. We are looking forward to seeing our community, alumni, students, staff, and families enjoy the Homecoming tradition.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article and for your continued engagement with public education. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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Fall Soup and Pie Dinner

October 12, 2026 from 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Grace Methodist Church - 801 5th Ave. NW, Kasson

Menu:
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Randy Demmer has been a resident of the city of Hayfield his entire life. Been married to Kathy for 47 years. They have 3 daughters and 8 grandchildren. His job history includes working in his father's John Deere dealership in Hayfield, farming (raising corn and soybeans), forming and growing a company in Hayfield that sold computers and accounting software, starting and managing a NAPA Auto Parts store in Hayfield, acquiring NAPA Auto Parts stores in Dodge Center and Kasson and moving both to new stores in those communities, and becoming a partner and working in a commercial/institutional/industrial construction company in Winona.

He has served as a member of the Oaks Golf Club board, as treasurer of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hayfield, as a member of Hayfield Economic Development Authority board, as a member of the Hayfield Community Schools board, as a State Representative in the Minnesota legislature, as a commissioner on the board of the Southeastern Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, on the board of Field Crest Care Center in Hayfield, and on the board of the Dodge County Community Foundation.

He would like to become knowledgeable in the role of a council member so I can be a productive contributor in the governance of our community.

"I'd like Hayfield to continue to be a safe and welcoming community in which to live, work and raise our families. In addition, I'd like our community to be an environment that helps our existing businesses thrive and encourage the development of new business enterprises, homes and public amenities by and for our citizens".

Dave Subbert has lived in the Hayfield area community his whole life, with his lovely wife Yvonne and 4 children, Jordan, Breanna, Devan and Harper.

Dave has been owner & operator of DS Carpentry for 25 years.

"I have proudly been serving the City of Hayfield as a councilman for 16 years. I will continue to help the city grow and be fiscally responsible".

My goal has always been to keep property taxes at a minimum while continuing to improve the infrastructure and development of the city.

Richard (Rick) Linskey. Has lived with his family in Hayfield for over 30 years. He has two successful adult sons, two grandsons, and one more on the way. "2013 was a life changing year for my family, and myself. The military said 28 years was enough for me, and I retired. While serving, I worked in Maintenance and Logistics. My last deployment was 2011/12 to Afghanistan. I do not have any experience working in a public office, however I do have plenty working with large groups, and even working with different Liaisons from different countries. I am running for city council to be more involved within the community".

Joshua Therring. His current career is working as a tunnel boring machine operator/technician.

He has not held a public office previously. "I want to participate more in the community and help with any changes the community would like to see".

Mark Peterson did not respond to interview.

There are three Hayfield School board seats open and three candidates running in this election.

Tyler Kramer. Was born and raised in Hayfield and moved away after college for work. He moved back in 2017 with his wife to raise their three children. He works at The Mayo Clinic.

"I would like to be a good steward of the resources to provide our students and staff the best opportunity to succeed and excel and work to earn the trust of the community, staff, and students." Tyler states. "I understand that

There is also a question on the ballot concerning the Hayfield School District referendum.

School District Question 1. Revoking Existing Referendum Revenue Authorization; Approving New Authorization The school board of Independent School District No. 203 (Hayfield Community Schools) has proposed to revoke the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$646.12 per pupil and to replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$1,250 per pupil. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for ten years commencing with taxes payable in 2027, and increase each year by the rate of inflation beginning with taxes payable in 2028, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization be revoked, and the increase in the revenue proposed by the school board of Independent School District No. 203 be approved?

in a small community, the school is the lifeblood for the community. I want the community to take pride in our school as well as the students being proud that they represent our school and community. I want new and existing families feel like they are welcomed to our school and community."

Rachel Gagliasso, is running for the Hayfield School Board. She has lived in the Hayfield community for 16 years and has two children attending Hayfield Elementary (4th and 1st grade). She is actively involved in Little Vikes Youth Sports - coaching soccer, volleyball, basketball, and T-ball. Rachel is also an active member of PIE, supporting volunteer efforts for Hayfield Elementary. Professionally, she has been a registered nurse for 19 years, with experience in bedside nursing and nursing education. Most recently, Rachel joined Winona State University as an assistant professor in the un-

dergraduate nursing program. Her work in healthcare and education has strengthened her skills in collaboration, communication, problem-solving, and making thoughtful decisions while considering different perspectives.

As a school board member, she would like to help ensure Hayfield continues to provide a safe, supportive, and high-quality learning environment where every student has the opportunity to succeed. "I not only bring a parent's perspective, but an educator's commitment to learning and will strive to work collaboratively to make responsible, evidence-informed decisions. My goals are to support strong communication between the district and community, be a responsible steward of district resources, and help Hayfield Community Schools remain a place where students, staff, and families feel valued and supported".

Tyler Anderson declined to be interviewed.

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In addition to the grocery store there is also a hardware department attached to the store to meet the needs of local handymen and home maintenance and improvement projects. You can find nuts and bolts, tools, paint supplies and many small items without leaving town.

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A fundraiser for the West Concord
Fire Department Relief Association



October 1, 2026

Hayfield Ambulance displaying fifty years of service to the community

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Some of the customized bikes at the car show

Old hot rod

A couple old hot rods

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A Llama dressed for Oktoberfest in Kasson Saturday



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Minnesota Sheriffs' Association Scholarship Program

Sheriff Scott Rose of Dodge County announced today the commencement of the Law Enforcement Scholarship Program for 2026. Sheriff Rose proudly announced that the MSA Board of Directors has established a scholarship fund for the awarding of up to 18 - \$2,000 scholarships for this year. These scholarships are due to the coordinated efforts of the 87 elected Sheriffs of the State of Minnesota.

The MSA gives special recognition to the financial needs of students attending the Peace Officer Skills Course or one of the two- or four-year law enforcement degree programs around the state. "The MSA Board

of Directors acknowledges the current challenges in recruiting and greatly appreciates the individuals who decide to serve others through a career in law enforcement. This is one way that we can support that honorable decision," said Deputy Director Brian Johnson.

"Law enforcement remains an incredibly rewarding and important profession," said Sheriff Scott Rose. "These scholarships give us an opportunity to encourage the next generation of officers and support those who want to serve and protect our communities."

The MSA recognizes the importance of pre-entry training for people considering law en-

forcement as their career choice. The MSA also acknowledges that some students may need outside help in meeting the costs of such training, even though they excel academically.

The MSA Scholarship Committee, in making its selection of awards, intends to achieve representation from all geographical areas of the state. The scholarship deadline is November 30th, 2026.

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2027 STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of West Concord will meet in the council chambers at the Bell Tower Center, 401 Main Street of West Concord at 6:00p.m. on October 15, 2026 to consider making the proposed 2027 Street and Sidewalk Improvements on Main Street (CSAH 36) from Third Street to Front Street, on Front Street (CSAH 36) from Main Street to Concord Street (CSAH 24), on Third Street from Eugene Street to South Street, on First Street from Eugene Street to Southview Street, on Southview Street from First Street to State Street (TH 56), on all of Sterling Court east of First Street, and on all of Todd Court east of First Street, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 429.011 to 429.111. The estimated cost of the improvement is \$716,868. A reasonable estimate of the impact of the assessment will be available at the hearing. Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this meeting.

NOTICE OF BIDS – GARAGE DOOR

The City of West Concord is accepting sealed bids for the sale of the overhead garage door at the Fire Hall.

- Condition: The door is sold AS IS. The City of West Concord makes no warranties, express or implied, regarding the condition or usability of the door.
- The door is approx. 9x11 and 2 years old.
- Removal: The successful bidder will be responsible for all costs and arrangements associated with moving the door from city property by November 2, 2026.
- Bidding Deadline: All bids must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2026. Winning bidder will be announced by the October 15, 2025 Council Meeting.
- No Minimum Bid
- Submission Requirements: Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked “GARAGE BID” and delivered to:

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The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

TRITON ISD NO. 2125 –
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BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 17,
2026 – 6:00 P.M.
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This published information is a summary of the full minutes of August 17, 2026, Triton School Board meeting. A copy of the full minutes is available for viewing in the Triton District Office, 813 West Highway Street, Dodge Center, or online at www.triton.k12.mn.us.

Present: Wendy Kenworthy, Rebecca Knutson, J. Jensen, Lloyd Henslin, Jr., Dale Jensen, Brian Ginder, Scott Curran, Luke Lutterman, Tanisha Fox, Tricia Johnson, Shane Van Beek, Kristy Faber, Tina Kozisek, and others.

The School Board approved the following items:

- Agenda and consent agenda including the July 20, 2026 regular meeting minutes and August 10, 2026 study session minutes as presented;

- budget update; claims and bills; treasurer’s report; open enrollment/nonresident agreements for student #081825A; contracts for Jenny Justice as TMS Special Education Teacher and Janet Bugarin as Special Education Paraprofessional, resignations for Laura Laplander as Paraprofessional effective September 1, 2026 and Becky Aarsvold as Paraprofessional effective August 8, 2026, and extra-curricular contract for Karen Kleinwort as Fall Play Director;
- Resolution Accepting Donations;
- Triton Preschool Handbook for 2026-2027;
- Triton Elementary Handbook for 2026-2027;
- Triton Middle/High School Handbook for 2026-2027;
- Triton Staff Handbook for 2026-2027;
- Triton Coach/Advisor/Director Handbook for 2026-2027;
- Cobra Care Handbook for 2026-2027;
- Updates to policies 506, 722, 806, 208, 402, 423, 425, 507.5, 509, 521, 524, 613, 621, 624, 709, 721, and 901;
- Establishing December 21, 2026, as the regular board meeting to discuss the Levy & Budget;
- Changing the June Board Meeting from June 14, 2027,

to June 7, 2027.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE COUNTY
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MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE
COUNTY OF DODGE
MANTORVILLE, MN

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The following actions were approved:

- * Agenda as presented.
- * The following Consent Agenda items: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4.
- * Payment of the following bills:

01 Revenue Fund	\$ 94,220.03
13 Road and Bridge Fund	\$ 54,025.36
16 Environmental Quality Fund	\$ 91,053.91
41 Ditch Fund	\$ 6,750.00
Total	\$ 246,049.30

* Allocating \$5,800 of the opioid settlement funds to the MNPrairie County Alliance Multidisciplinary training from the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children as requested.

- * The following personnel actions: A.1, A.2, B.1, B.2, B.3, B.4, B.5, C.1.

* Awarding parking lot seal coat project to Jet Black at a cost of approximately \$16,763.44 & Yellow Dawg at a cost of approximately \$1,675.00 as recommended.

* Chair to sign Rehabilitation Professional Service Agreement with IENGA for grandstand repairs at the fairgrounds.

* The following Planning Commission recommendation as reviewed on September 2, 2026:

- Return, LLC – CUP #25-05 (Amend)

* Adjourning the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

This is a summary only. A complete set is available in the Administration Office at the Government Services Building in Mantorville, MN.



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Minnesota Sheriffs' Association
Scholarship Program

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Awards will be announced on the MSA web page and on social media at the start of 2027.

Application forms and a statement of procedures are available at the Dodge County Sheriff’s Office.

Scholarships are only available to students currently enrolled in one of the following three categories:

1. Mandated POST Skills Program
2. In their second year of a two-year law enforcement program.
3. In their third or fourth year of a four-year college criminal justice program.

To qualify, students must have completed at least one year of the two-year program or two years of a four-year program. Students meeting these criteria are invited to obtain a scholarship application form from their local sheriff’s office or online at www.mnsheriffs.org.

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