

**MEMORANDUM TO:** All Chiefs of Police and  
Commissioner Thomas Carrique  
Chairs, Police Service Boards

**FROM:** Ken Weatherill  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Public Safety Division

**SUBJECT:** **2024–25 Constable Joe MacDonald Public Safety  
Officers’ Survivors Scholarship Fund (CJMPSOSSF)  
Call for Applications**

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Please find attached an application package outlining the eligibility criteria and the process to apply for the Constable Joe MacDonald Public Safety Officers’ Survivors Scholarship Fund (CJMPSOSSF).

The CJMPSOSSF was established in recognition of the tremendous sacrifice made by our public safety officers and their families to keep Ontario safe. It is a demonstration of the esteem that the people of Ontario have for public safety officers.

The CJMPSOSSF is available to spouses and children of public safety officers who died in the line of duty. The scholarship may be used for tuition, textbooks and eligible living expenses for programs leading to a degree or a diploma at an approved Canadian postsecondary educational institution. To date, the CJMPSOSSF has provided financial assistance to 100 recipients to obtain a postsecondary education. Additional details regarding eligibility criteria can be found in the attached 2024–25 CJMPSOSSF Guidelines.

For the purposes of the CJMPSOSSF, a public safety officer may include a municipal or provincial police officer, First Nation Officer, auxiliary member of a police force or special constable (acting with the powers of a police officer at the time of his/her death) firefighter, correctional officer, probation officer, parole officer, or youth worker. Please see the attached guidelines for a more comprehensive definition of a public safety officer.

Please forward this information to the appropriate areas and/or persons for distribution.  
**The due date for submission of applications is June 10, 2024.**

Applications and **all required documentation must be submitted by email** to [yoko.iwasaki@ontario.ca](mailto:yoko.iwasaki@ontario.ca), followed by a signed original copy mailed to the following address.

**Attention:** Yoko Iwasaki, Community Safety Analyst  
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Grant funding is subject to the Ministry of the Solicitor General receiving the necessary appropriation from the Ontario Legislature.

If you have any questions or require additional information about the Constable Joe MacDonald Public Safety Officers' Survivors Scholarship Fund, please contact Yoko by email at [yoko.iwasaki@ontario.ca](mailto:yoko.iwasaki@ontario.ca) or at 647-532-8149.

Sincerely,



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Attachments (2)

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