THE OSCAR W. RITTENHOUSE
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

AWARDED BY
THE COUNTY PROSECUTORS ASSOCIATION
OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, INC.
A 501(c) 3 CORPORATION

c/o Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri
Mercer County Prosecutor’s Office
P.O. Box 8068
Trenton, New Jersey 08650
General Information

The County Prosecutors Association of the State of New Jersey, Inc., a 501(c) 3 Corporation is a non-profit corporation which annually awards scholarships to law students and college and graduate students.

Each scholarship is a one year grant in the amount of $3,500.00 paid directly to the recipient. Persons may not reapply for succeeding years.

To be eligible, an applicant must be a New Jersey resident accepted for admission to a law school. The applicant must have an interest in pursuing a career as a prosecutor. The applicant must also demonstrate financial need.

Applications must be postmarked by September 15, 2017. Personal interviews of finalists will be conducted. Applicants will be notified of the Trustees' decision in October 2017.

Applications should be sent to:

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Oscar W. Rittenhouse (1930-1979)

Oscar W. Rittenhouse, known to his friends and colleagues as Bill, was a remarkable man; a prosecutor with a deep commitment to fair play and justice for all; a dedicated and sensitive community leader; and a warm and caring human being.

Bill Rittenhouse was born June 4, 1930 in Somerville, New Jersey. His family lineage was among the oldest in Hunterdon County, tracing back to pre-revolutionary days. He began his education in the local school system in Clinton, New Jersey and after graduation from Clinton High School received his B.S. at Cornell University and L.L.B. at Harvard Law School. His education was interrupted by service as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army in Korea from 1953 until 1955 when he was discharged with the rank of Captain.

He entered the private practice of law in Hunterdon County in 1959 and continued therein until 1975. During that period, he served as an attorney for numerous municipalities and municipal boards. In 1966, he was selected as Hunterdon County delegate to the New Jersey Constitutional Convention. Bill's other contributions to his community included membership on the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Hunterdon Medical Center and the Board of Trustees of the Grandin Library and service as an Elder in the Clinton Presbyterian Church.

He was initially appointed as Prosecutor of Hunterdon County in 1968 by Governor Richard Hughes. At that time, the position was part time. He served in that capacity until 1973 when he once again returned to devote full time to his private practice.

In 1975, he was selected by Governor Brendan Bryne to become Hunterdon County's first full time Prosecutor and served in that position with distinction. He was chosen by his peers as President of the County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey to serve from 1978-1979. In 1979, he was requested by the National District Attorneys Association to head a presentation on juvenile delinquency prevention at its mid-winter meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi. It was following that presentation en route home, that he met an untimely death in a tragic airplane accident.

His life, cut short at age 48, was an inspiration for those who knew him. To share some of that experience with others, his friends and colleagues have established this scholarship foundation in his memory.
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Application Form

I. Personal History of Applicant

(  ) Mr.
(  ) Miss
(  ) Ms.
(  ) Mrs.

Last Name    First Name    Middle Name

Permanent Mailing Address

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Number & Street    City

County    State    Zip Code

Current Mailing Address (if different from above)

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Number & Street    City

County    State    Zip Code

Phone Number(s):
(______)____________________________
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Date of Birth   _____/_____/_____

Social Security Number   _____/_____/_____

Country of Citizenship

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Marital Status   (  ) Single   (  ) Married

Dependents

(Names and Ages)

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Present Occupation

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Have you been in the Armed Services?   Yes (  ) No (  )

Branch ___________________________

Dates of Service and Discharge   ____________    Rank at Discharge   ____________

Have you served in any law enforcement capacity?   Yes (  ) No (  )

Agency______________________________    Dates of Service   ____________

Position______________________________

II. Applicant's Educational Background (Circle School for which Scholarship Application is submitted and attach proof of acceptance or attendance)

A. Secondary:

Name and Address of high school ____________________________

Year of Graduation   ____________

B. Undergraduate:

Name and Address of College/University ____________________________

Year of Graduation/Anticipated   ____________    Degree   __________________

Major Field of Study   __________________

Cumulative Grade Point Average (if applicable)   __________________

C. Graduate:

Name and address of Institution ____________________________

Year of Graduation/Anticipated   ____________    Degree   __________________

Cumulative Grade Point Average (if applicable)   __________________

D. Law School:

Name and address of Institution ____________________________

Year of Graduation/Anticipated   ____________    Degree   __________________

Cumulative Grade Point Average (if applicable)   __________________
III. Financial Information (Provide figures pertaining to the Academic Year for which Scholarship Application is submitted)

A. Estimated cost of education, including tuition, room, board, books.

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B. Applicant’s Current Yearly Salary ________________________________________________

C. Spouse’s Current Yearly Salary (if applicable) _________________________________

D. All Other Sources of Income or Support, including parental ________________________

E. All Other Grants, Financial Aid and Scholarships _________________________________

F. State any Other Information Relevant to Applicant’s Financial Need

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IV. Special Recognitions, Honors or Prizes

Specify any special recognitions, honors or prizes which you have achieved including academic work, the arts, athletics, and community service.

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V. Personal Statement

Submit with your Application a typed Statement of Educational and Career Objectives. Your statement should describe your law enforcement background, as well as your interest in and commitment to pursuing a career as a prosecutor. You may attach additional pages if needed.

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Date Completed: _____ / _____ / _____  Applicant’s Signature