



*Wisconsin Association of
Women Police*

**Morlynn Frankey
Memorial Scholarship**

2026

The Morlynn Frankey Memorial Scholarship has been established by the WAWP, to be awarded to a qualifying college student of any degree level. This scholarship is funded by the Frankey Moehn family in honor of Morlynn's trailblazing career, dedication to the law enforcement profession, and passion for education.

Morlynn began her career as a "policewoman" in 1961, when female officers were prohibited from promotion. They received no formal training, were not allowed to carry firearms and were required to resign at the fourth month of pregnancy. She fought the status quo, and in the early 1970's aligned herself with the progressive policies of Chief Couper, quickly diversified the ranks. A controversial task at the time, as Training Captain, Morlynn hired many of the "firsts" for the MPD: officers of diverse backgrounds and walks of life who paved the way for others. Many of those who serve today walk a path cleared by Morlynn and others who served and sacrificed.

She promoted through the ranks, eventually achieving the rank of Inspector (Assistant Chief) in 1980, which made her the highest ranking female police officer in the United States. Morlynn retired in 1990 and passed away in 2015.

Scholarship Requirements:

- 1) Applicant is seeking a degree in a law enforcement related field. This may include Criminal Justice, Forensics, Sociology, or other related field.
- 2) Any college student for any degree level may apply. Students going into their first year of college must provide a letter of acceptance to a college program and course registration information for the current or next semester.
- 3) One letter of recommendation from educational professor/instructor/teacher.
- 4) One letter of recommendation from professional source (coworker, supervisor, etc)
- 5) Essay of 250 words or more about applicant and career goals.

The attached application form must accompany the packet.

Due (postmarked) May 31, 2026.

WAWP Membership is not required