

**THE OSCAR W. RITTENHOUSE
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**AWARDED BY
THE COUNTY PROSECUTORS ASSOCIATION
OF NEW JERSEY FOUNDATION**

**c/o Prosecutor Theodore J. Romankow
Union County Prosecutor's Office
32 Rahway Avenue
Elizabeth, NJ 07202**

Oscar W. Rittenhouse (1930-1979)

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General Information

The County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey Foundation is a non-profit corporation created by the County Prosecutors Association for the purpose of awarding scholarships. The Foundation is administered by a Board of Trustees comprised of Officers of the County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey.

Each scholarship is a one year grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 paid directly to the recipient. Persons may 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 June 15th of each year. Personal interviews of finalists will be conducted. Applicants will be notified of the Trustees' decision in August of each year.

Applications should be sent to:

Oscar W. Rittenhouse Memorial Scholarship
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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

Name _____ ()Mr.
Last Name First Name Middle Name ()Miss
()Ms.
()Mrs.

Permanent Mailing Address

Number & Street _____ City _____

County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Current Mailing Address (if different from above)

Number & Street _____ City _____

County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number(s):

At permanent address (_____) _____

Daytime telephone number during summer (_____) _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Social Security Number ____/____/____

Country of Citizenship _____

Marital Status () Single () Married

Dependents _____
(names and ages)

Present Occupation _____

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.

B. Applicant's Current Yearly Salary _____

