

## The Justice Studies Department proudly announces the 2025 scholarships:

- Shelby B. Brewer Memorial Scholarship
- Kristofer Boaz Claspill Memorial Scholarship
- Jeffrey Fontana Memorial Scholarship
- Willard "Huck" Schmidt Memorial Scholarship
- Paula Stone Hubbell Memorial Scholarship
- Daniel P. Lomio Memorial Scholarship
- J. Edgar Hoover Foundation Leadership Scholarship
- Theresa Edel Memorial Scholarship
- Simpson & Silva Memorial Scholarship

A detailed description of each scholarship, along with the eligibility and application requirements, can be found below. Students can apply for more than one scholarship but must submit a separate personal statement unique to each scholarship.

### How to Submit an Electronic Application:

1. Complete the electronic application found [here](#), identifying all scholarships being applied for, and include all relevant supporting documentation (unofficial transcripts, scholarship statements, GPA) within the application.
2. Within the electronic application, upload a PDF of your unofficial transcript from SJSU and another PDF file comprising your last college or university prior to attending SJSU (if applicable).
3. Within the electronic application, write a unique 300- to 500- word statement for each scholarship applied for, meeting the requirements described below.
4. If applying for J. Edgar Hoover Foundation Leadership Scholarship or Williard 'Huck' Schmidt Memorial Scholarship, write a 500- to 700-word essay or create (provide a URL) a 3- to 5-minute video answering the specific questions described below for each scholarship within the electronic application.
5. If applying for the Paula Stone Hubbell Memorial Scholarship, provide the name and email address for the justice studies faculty or professional willing to serve as your nominator. The scholarship committee will reach out to them for a letter of nomination after the deadline (i.e., March 1<sup>st</sup>).

### Recommendations

1. Ensure that you meet the eligibility criteria for each scholarship prior to compiling the documents needed for your application (e.g., justice studies, undergraduate, senior, minimum GPA).
2. Compile documents (unofficial SJSU and other institution transcripts and scholarship statements) and calculate GPA (overall and major-only) prior to beginning the electronic application. Then paste your answers into the corresponding places within the application (note: you can begin your application and return to it later).
3. Ensure that you have received permission from any person writing a letter of recommendation/nomination for your application prior to listing them in your electronic application, and give them (preferably) at least three weeks' notice.
4. Despite similarities between the criteria for each scholarship, ensure that your 300- to 500-word statement for each scholarship is unique, and speaks directly about the person whom the scholarship is honoring.
5. Proof-read and have others read each statement prior to submission to ensure there are no errors or mistakes.

For any questions, please email Scholarship Chair Bryce Westlake at [Bryce.Westlake@sjsu.edu](mailto:Bryce.Westlake@sjsu.edu).

**Completed [Electronic Applications](#) are due Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

# **SHELBY B. BREWER**

## **Memorial Scholarship**

*Sponsored by family of  
Shelby Brewer*

**AWARD: \$2,500**



### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- ❖ A Justice Studies or Forensic Science undergraduate student.
- ❖ Completed a minimum of 30 units in Justice Studies or Forensic Science major.
- ❖ Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA in Justice Studies or Forensic Science coursework, and an overall 3.0 GPA.
- ❖ Must be continuing at SJSU in the fall semester.
- ❖ Interested in pursuing a career in juvenile justice or a related field.

### **300- to 500-word Personal Statement Requirements**

- ❖ Evidence of your interest in pursuing a career in justice studies.
- ❖ Describe how your pursuit of an education in justice studies enhances your career aspirations.
- ❖ Identify and describe any relevant volunteer, internship, or work experience.
- ❖ Explain how this scholarship would contribute to achieving your academic and professional goals.

Shelby Blair Brewer graduated from San José State University in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice, now Justice Studies. She worked part-time for the Santa Clara County Probation Department while completing her degree. In 2002, she was hired as a Deputy Probation Officer.

Shelby spent the entirety of her career working in juvenile services with delinquent youth, for which she had a passion. This included a lengthy assignment in the Juvenile Division Court Unit representing the Probation Department in Juvenile Court, where she was highly respected for her hard work and knowledge of Juvenile Court law and Probation Department procedures.

Shelby was diagnosed with a brain tumor in December of 2011. After fighting the disease for four and a half years, she died on June 12, 2016, at age 37. Her family created this scholarship as a lasting tribute to her passion for serving at-risk youth.

# **KRISTOFER BOAZ CLASPILL** **MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

*Sponsored by the family of Kristofer Claspill*

**Award: \$ 5,000**

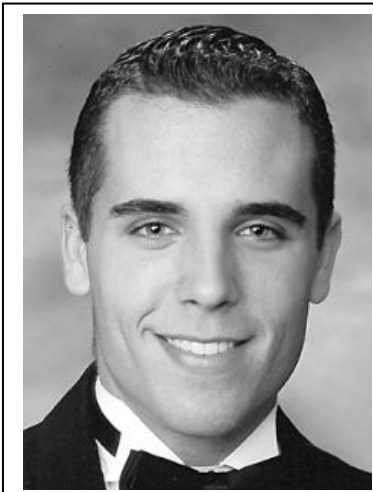
## **Eligibility Requirements**

- ❖ **An undergraduate student entering their senior year at SJSU in the fall semester (minimum 80 units completed by end of Spring 2024 semester).**
- ❖ **Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA in Justice Studies or Forensic Science coursework.**
- ❖ **Be planning to pursue a career in law enforcement.**

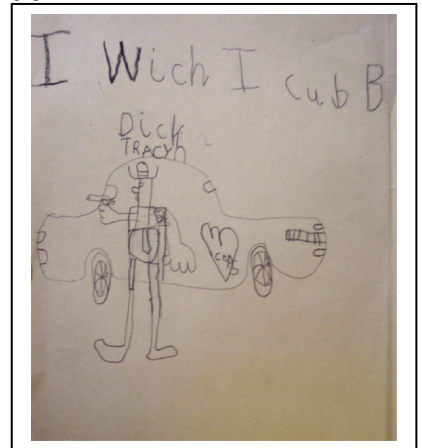
## **300- to 500-word Personal Statement Requirements**

- ❖ **Reference Kristofer Claspill and an understanding of his personal aspirations.**
- ❖ **Evidence of your interest and plans to pursue a career in law enforcement.**
- ❖ **Describe how your pursuit of an education in justice studies or forensic science enhances your career aspirations in law enforcement.**
- ❖ **Identify and describe any volunteer, internship, or work experience relevant to law enforcement.**
- ❖ **Explain how this scholarship would contribute to achieving your academic and professional goals.**

Kristofer Boaz Claspill was an adventurous San Jose State University student taking Justice Studies courses and working toward his lifelong dream of becoming a police officer. In his last year of studies, his life was tragically cut short on September 16, 2006.



Kris did not have the opportunity to his final year at the university, so the Claspill family was inspired to establish an endowment to fund a scholarship in Kristofer's memory. The scholarship is intended to provide financial support to a student who, like Kris, is majoring in Justice Studies or Forensic Science, is in or is entering their senior year, and is planning to pursue a career in law enforcement



*"I Wich I cub B Dick Tracy"  
Drawn by Kris age 5*

# **OFFICER JEFFREY FONTANA** **MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

*Sponsored by the family and friends of Jeff Fontana*

**Award: Up to \$ 2,000**

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- ❖ **An upper division undergraduate student majoring in Justice Studies or Forensic Science and continuing at SJSU in the fall semester.**
- ❖ **Must have a minimum 3.5 GPA in Justice Studies or Forensic Science coursework, and an overall 3.0 GPA.**
- ❖ **Planning to pursue a career in law enforcement.**

## **300- to 500-word Personal Statement Requirements**

- ❖ **Reference Jeffrey Fontana and an understanding of his personal aspirations.**
- ❖ **Evidence of your interests and plans to pursue a career in law enforcement.**
- ❖ **Describe how your pursuit of an education in justice studies or forensic science enhances your career aspirations in law enforcement.**
- ❖ **Identify and describe any volunteer, internship, or work experience relevant to law enforcement.**
- ❖ **Explain how this scholarship would contribute to achieving your academic and professional goals.**



Jeffrey Fontana graduated with honors in May 2000 with a degree in Administration of Justice from San José State University. He was an ambitious and talented student who had aspired to be a police officer since he was a young boy. Upon graduation Jeff was hired by San José Police Department and planned to pursue a career as a detective. He was tragically slain in the line of duty October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

While at San Jose State University, Jeff was awarded the 1999 Daniel P. Lomio Scholarship from the Administration of Justice Department for his outstanding scholarship and desire to pursue a career in law enforcement.

Jeff planned to return to San Jose State University to continue his education. He had hoped to teach in the Justice Studies Department after receiving his Master's Degree.

# Willard “Huck” Schmidt Memorial Scholarship

*Sponsored by the Family and Friends of Willard “Huck” Schmidt*

**AWARD: Up to \$2,000**

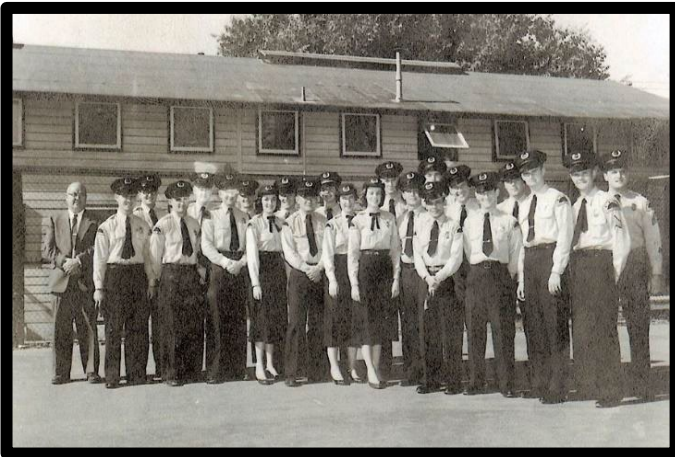
## Eligibility Requirements

- ❖ An undergraduate student who has completed at least 60 units, of which 12 must be at SJSU and 6 units must be in the Justice Studies or Forensic Science major with a minimum 3.0 GPA overall and in major.
- ❖ Justice Studies graduate student who has at least 6 units left to be completed and a minimum 3.5 GPA overall.
- ❖ Must be continuing at SJSU in the fall semester.

## 300- to 500-word Personal Statement Requirements

Researching the treatment of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States during WWII, and write a 500- to 700-word essay or create a 3- to 5-minute video in which you address the following three issues:

1. Explain how systemic racism allowed for a violation of Constitutional rights and deprivation of due process.
2. Your perspective with examples of how systemic anti-Asian racism continues to be a problem.
3. How we as practitioners in the field of justice studies can effect change to expand human rights, equal treatment under law and justice going forward.



Willard “Huck” Schmidt (far left) was a faculty member and chair of the “The Police School” (Administration of Justice Department) in the Post WWII Era, 1946-1963. The purpose of the police school at the time was to provide professional training for the student with a definite interest in and adaptability to a police career. Although the specific requirements for admission to the school were modified somewhat during this period, background investigation, height, weight, and age were criteria utilized for admission. Under

Schmidt’s leadership, the Administration of Justice degree expanded to include a Penology Major, designed to provide “professional training for the qualified student who had an interest in a career in rehabilitation, parole, and probation”.

# **PAULA STONE HUBBELL** **ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

*Sponsored by the Family of Paula Stone Hubbell*

**AWARD: Up to \$3,000**

## **Eligibility Requirements**

- ❖ **A current female/woman graduate student in the Justice Studies Department Master's program and continuing at SJSU in the fall semester.**
- ❖ **Must have a minimum 3.5 GPA in last 60 units of college/university work.**
- ❖ **Demonstrate a serious commitment to a career in juvenile justice or related fields.**

## **300- to 500-word Personal Statement Requirements**

- ❖ **Reference Paula Stone Hubbell and an understanding of her personal aspirations**
- ❖ **Evidence of your interest in pursuing a career in juvenile justice.**
- ❖ **Describe how your pursuit of an education in justice studies enhances your career aspirations in juvenile justice.**
- ❖ **Identify and describe any volunteer, internship, or work experience relevant to juvenile justice.**
- ❖ **Explain how this scholarship would contribute to achieving your academic and professional goals.**
- ❖ **A reference letter from a faculty member in the Justice Studies department, or a professional in the justice field.**

Paula Stone Hubbell was called “The First Lady of Parole.” She served the California Department of Corrections as a parole agent for 30 years, and she taught and counseled future agents on the job and students in the Administration of Justice Department at San José State University.

Mrs. Hubbell earned a degree in criminology from the University of California, Berkeley in the mid 1960's. She earned her master's degree in the Administration of Justice Department at San José State University in 1980 and was named graduate student of the year.

She was known for her fantastic sense of humor and deep commitment to her job and to the people she worked with in the Department of Corrections. Mrs. Hubbell first contracted breast cancer in the late 1970's and remained active until the cancer spread to her liver. She passed away in 1994 at the age of 54.



# **DANIEL P. LOMIO**

## **Memorial Scholarship**

*Sponsored by the Family and Friends of Daniel P. Lomio*

**AWARD: Up to \$2,000**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- ❖ An undergraduate student who has completed at least 60 units, of which 12 units must be at SJSU and 6 units must be in the Justice Studies OR
- ❖ A graduate student who is currently classified as a graduate student and has at least 6 units left to be completed in the Justice Studies program.
- ❖ Must have a minimum 3.5 GPA in Justice Studies coursework, and an overall 3.0 GPA.

### **300- to 500-word Personal Statement Requirements**

- ❖ Evidence of your interest in pursuing a career in justice studies.
- ❖ Describe how your pursuit of an education in justice studies enhances your career aspirations.
- ❖ Identify and describe any relevant volunteer, internship, or work experience.
- ❖ Explain how this scholarship would contribute to achieving your academic and professional goals.



Daniel P. Lomio graduated in 1978 with a major in Law, History, and Criminal Justice from San José State University. Following graduation, Daniel became a police officer with the San Francisco Police Department and was later promoted to criminal investigator with the department.

He was awarded the Bronze Medal of Valor posthumously in June 1986.

The Daniel P. Lomio Memorial Scholarship was established to assist deserving students in the Justice Studies Program at San José State University.



# ***J. Edgar Hoover Foundation Leadership Scholarship***



**AWARD: \$1,500 for Juniors and  
\$2,000 for Seniors**

## ***Eligibility Requirements:***

- ❖ **Forensic Science or Justice Studies (Criminology) major entering their junior (60+ units) or senior (90+ units) year in the program.**
- ❖ **Must have a minimum 3.3 GPA overall.**
- ❖ **Must have a demonstrated financial need (verified through Financial Aid).**
- ❖ **Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident (i.e., “green card holder”).**

## ***Application Requirements***

- 1. As FBI Director, Hoover exceeded and abused his authority by conducting unjustified investigations and illegal wiretapping based on political connections and personal beliefs. These and other practices and policies were, and remain, controversial. After researching the practices of the FBI under Hoover, write a 500- to 700-word essay or create a 3- to 5-minute video addressing the following issues:**
  - ❖ **Identify and explain some of Hoover’s controversial practices and abuses of power.**
  - ❖ **Identify and explain some of law enforcement’s historic and current abuses of power.**
  - ❖ **What skills and characteristics are necessary for effective leadership to promote positive change within law enforcement and society, instead of ignoring past abuses.**
- 2. Please write an additional 300- to 500-word personal statement in which you describe:**
  - ❖ **Strong academic achievement and outstanding leadership through various activities (e.g., volunteer, internship, or work experience).**
  - ❖ **Motivations for pursuing an education in justice studies or forensic science.**
  - ❖ **Your financial need and how this scholarship would contribute to achieving your academic and professional goals.**

John Edgar Hoover served as the first Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1924 to 1972. At that time, the reputation of the FBI had been severely tarnished due to allegations of fraud and corruption during the Teapot Dome scandal under President Harding. After being appointed Director, Hoover set out to “clean house” and build a new image for the agency. During his 48 years as Director, Hoover turned the FBI into an elite law enforcement agency, establishing rigorous qualifications for FBI agents, improving agent standards, and creating the FBI National Academy. Under Hoover’s leadership, the FBI developed a vast fingerprint file, the Uniform Crime Reporting system, and the first national laboratory to offer forensic services to law enforcement agencies in the US.



# **THERESA EDEL**

## **Memorial Scholarship**

*Sponsored by Friends of Theresa Edel*

**AWARD: Up to \$2,000**

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- ❖ Justice Studies or Forensic Science undergraduate student and continuing at SJSU in the fall semester.
- ❖ Must have completed 60 units, of which 12 must be at SJSU and 6 units in Justice Studies or Forensic Science courses.
- ❖ Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA overall, 3.0 GPA at SJSU, and 3.0 GPA in Justice Studies or Forensic Science coursework.

### **300- to 500-word Personal Statement Requirements**

- ❖ Reference Theresa Edel and an understanding of her personal aspirations.
- ❖ Evidence of your interest in pursuing a career in justice studies or forensic science.
- ❖ Describe how your pursuit of an education in justice studies or forensic science enhances your career aspirations.
- ❖ Identify and describe any relevant volunteer, internship, or work experience.
- ❖ Explain how this scholarship would contribute to achieving your academic and professional goals.



Theresa Edel graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration in 1979, and received her Masters degree in Business Administration in 1986 from San José State University.

Theresa was a public safety investigator and crime prevention specialist for the San José State University Police Department, and she planned to teach in the Administration of Justice Department.

# *Simpson & Silva Memorial Scholarship*

*Sponsored by friends, fellow officers, and family members to honor the courage and preserve the memories of officers Gene Simpson and Gordon Silva*

**AWARD: Up to \$2000**

## *Eligibility Requirements*

- ❖ **Justice Studies or Forensic Science major with a minimum 2.75 GPA.**
- ❖ **Planning to pursue a career in law enforcement.**

## *300- to 500-word Personal Statement Requirements*

- ❖ **Evidence of your interest in and plans to pursue a career in law enforcement.**
- ❖ **Describe how your pursuit of an education in justice studies or forensic science enhances your career aspirations in law enforcement.**
- ❖ **Identify and describe any volunteer, internship, or work experience relevant to law enforcement.**
- ❖ **Explains how this scholarship would contribute to achieving your academic and professional goals.**

## *The Worst Day in the San José Police Department History*

San José Police Officers Officer Gene Simpson and Gordon Silva were killed in action while attempting to preserve the peace. On January 20, 1989, in what has been called the “worst day in the department’s history”, they responded to a routine disturbance call in downtown San Jose, but that “routine call” turned deadly.

The call was about an individual who had been aggressively harassing customers at a local coffee shop for money. Officer Simpson responded and made contact with the individual, who attacked Officer Simpson, got his gun and shot him. Rather than run, Officer Simpson called for backup notifying responding units that he was unarmed, and the suspect had his gun. Officer Silva was the first officer to respond and was also shot. Both Officers Simpson and Silva were killed.

At their memorial service, fellow officers said that Simpson and Silva would insist that, *“We chose the profession. We knew the danger. We were aware of the possibilities. We knew and we wouldn't trade it. Stand up. Stand tall. Be proud of the uniform. We are family. And even though we are gone, don't let us down. Stand fast.”*

