

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLACK LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVES  
(NOBLE)**

**Greater Philadelphia Chapter  
2018 Essay Scholarship Contest**

The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) was founded in September 1976 during a three day symposium to address crime in urban low income areas. The symposium was co-sponsored by the Police Foundation and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA). The Joint Center for Political Studies (JCPS) coordinated this unprecedented event in which sixty (60) top ranking black law enforcement executives representing twenty-four (24) states and fifty-five major cities gathered in Washington, D.C. area to participate. They exchanged views about the critically high rate of crime in black urban communities and the socioeconomic conditions that lead to crime and violence. They raised questions about relevant issues such as: fairness in the administration of justice, police community relations, the hiring and promotion of black police officers and the unique problems of the black police executive.

Currently, NOBLE is comprised of 59 chapters in six regions throughout the United States. There are also members in Canada, the Caribbean, the United Kingdom and countries in Africa.

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of NOBLE will be awarding two (2) One Thousand Dollar (\$1000.00) non-re-renewable scholarships to 2018 graduating Philadelphia high school students. The scholarships are named to honor two prominent NOBLE members: Sylvester M. Johnson and the late James N. Reaves.

**The Sylvester M. Johnson Scholarship:** Sylvester M. Johnson is a retired American law Enforcement officer. He served on the Philadelphia Police Department for forty-three years, including six years as the 13<sup>th</sup> Police Commissioner from January 4, 2002, until January 7, 2008. Sylvester Johnson is a proponent of improving the relationship between Police and the Community.

**The James N. Reaves Scholarship:** James N. Reaves was a former Philadelphia Police Department Trailblazer and Captain and Philadelphia Housing Police Department Inspector. Being the first African American, in Philadelphia to reach such heights, Mr. Reaves wrote the notable book, "BLACK COPS," a history of African American police in Police in Philadelphia.

**Applicants Must:**

1. Be a 2018 graduating high school senior from Philadelphia Public, Parochial and Charter Schools
2. Maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA
3. Submit proof of acceptance and registration from the University/College, Junior College or Technical College.
4. Submit a High School Transcript
5. Community Service/Extra Curricular Activities
6. Submit a 1,500 word essay on the topic chosen by NOBLE:

**TOPIC: SCHOOL SHOOTINGS**

Question - School Shootings have been on the rise across the United States.  
In light of these shootings: **WHAT PLAN CAN YOU PUT IN EFFECT  
THAT WOULD ALLEVIATE OR ELIMINATE THE SHOOTINGS AND  
MAKE OUR SCHOOLS SAFE HAVENS FOR LEARNING?**

7. Applications and Essays must be submitted from March 19 through June 1, 2018 to:

**NOBLE - Greater Philadelphia Chapter  
P.O. Box 34040  
Philadelphia, PA 19101**

**All applicants must complete the below cover sheet**

**Winners will be notified by mail on or before JUNE 22, 2018.**

**NATIONAL ORGANAZTION OF BLACK LAWENFORCEMENTEXECUTIVES  
NOBLE  
NOBLE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD COVER SHEET**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZIP

Telephone/Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in Class \_\_\_\_\_

College/University/Technical School where you have been accepted:

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Address of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

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I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE

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SIGNITURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

Application received on: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

