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Representative Matt Gress Announces New Tuition Scholarship Program for Families of Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Arizona State Representative Matt Gress is proud to announce the launch of a new tuition scholarship program aimed at providing financial assistance for the spouses and children of law enforcement and correctional officers seeking higher education.

The **Spouses and Dependents of Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers Tuition Scholarship** program covers the cost of tuition and mandatory fees at Arizona’s higher education institutions, after other forms of financial aid have been applied, for eligible families seeking degrees or vocational certifications starting this fall.

“Behind every badge is a family offering support to their hero,” said Representative Gress, who secured funding for the scholarship program in last year’s state budget. **“Today, we stand by them, honoring their sacrifice and service with this important new tuition scholarship. This program is more than financial assistance; it’s a bridge to a brighter future for the families of those who’ve dedicated their lives to our safety.”**

Scholarship **applications will be accepted starting March 15** through a dedicated [website](#), providing detailed information on eligibility criteria and application procedures. Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply early since the limited available funding is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be a dependent under the age of 27 or a spouse of a law enforcement or correctional officer and;
- Enroll at an Arizona institution in a program that will award a career technical education district program certificate or license, private vocational program certificate, associate degree, or baccalaureate degree.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Submit a copy of the Law Enforcement Officer’s Commission Card as applicable.
- Submit a current employment verification letter.
- Submit a marriage certificate for a spouse, or a birth certificate or applicable court order for a dependent.

Representative Gress and Yavapai County Sheriff David Rhodes have teamed up to present a public service announcement (PSA) to spread the word about the scholarship program. This timely 30-second PSA is

available on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/C2nxxrx3RbE>) and may be downloaded here: bit.ly/4caB569. Please consider sharing it with your audiences.

For more information on the Spouses and Dependents of Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers Tuition Scholarship program and to apply, please visit <https://www.azregents.edu/law-spousesdependents>.

Matt Gress is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 4 in Phoenix. He also serves as Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Budgetary Funding Formulas. Follow him on X/Twitter at @MatthewGress.

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