

## DETECTIVE RAFAELA A. VALDEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Detective Rafaela A. Valdez, “Ralphie” joined NOBLE in 1987; In 1995, she spearheaded a petition for Associate Members to have a greater voice, within NOBLE, by creating an Associate Member Representative position on the NOBLE National Board; and in 1997, as a result of Ralphie’s successful advocacy, Associate Members voted historically, for the first time on the National level. The Detective Rafaela A. Valdez Memorial Scholarship Award is dedicated to assist in the furtherance of education for an Associate Member who embodies the spirit, commitment and vision for proficiency and excellence in self, and for the community served, as “Ralphie” exuded dedication, commitment, proficiency, and excellence in her service to NOBLE, and the community.

The Detective Rafaela A. Valdez Memorial Scholarship Award application is open to all Associate Members who meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Financially current with both National and Local Chapter dues;
- ✓ Registered to attend an accredited post-secondary Institution (demonstrated by receipt);
- ✓ Applicant may be enrolled in the discipline/major of their choice;
- ✓ Current students must demonstrate (by transcript) at least a 2.5 GPA;
- ✓ Submit an essay, to include details on how the Award will assist you in your current role as a NOBLE Associate Member, in service to the Community;
- ✓ Completed applications must be received by May 31, 2022 and sent to [tege.michelle@gmail.com](mailto:tege.michelle@gmail.com) in a .pdf format.
- ✓ The Award\* is valued at \$1,000.00. The full amount will be provided to the Recipient/Post-Secondary Institution once all criteria have been satisfied, and is only awarded to a Recipient once.

The decision process will be conducted by the current NOBLE Associate Member Representative, in collaboration with select Associate Members in good financial standing with NOBLE National, and their Local NOBLE Chapter.

The Award Recipient will be selected from the applications received by the prescribed deadline, and announced prior to the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual NOBLE Training & Exhibit Conference July 22-27, 2022, in time for family, friends, colleagues and local Chapter to submit congratulatory remarks on NOBLE social media platforms or a journal ad if Conference is in-person or hybrid.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Michelle Tégé

NOBLE National Associate Member Representative

“Committed to the Advancement of NOBLE through the Progress of Associate Members”

\*The Award will only be distributed if scholarship goal of \$1,000. is attained by July 01, 2022.

**Detective Rafaela A. Valdez Memorial Scholarship Award**

**(Application)**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Contact No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant NOBLE Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are still active in your Agency/Department, please indicate your last promotional exam and/or anticipated promotion date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Post-Secondary Accredited Institution you will attend:  
(Please provide a copy of Bursar Receipt)  
\_\_\_\_\_

If Applicant is currently enrolled in a Post-Secondary Accredited Institution, please provide copy of transcript indicating minimum GPA of 2.5.

Please attach your essay, to include details of how the Award will assist you in your current role as a NOBLE Associate Member in service to the Community.

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