

Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation
Fiscal Year Update - 10/1/20 thru 9/30/21

We, the Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation, are entrusted to preserve the memory of Washington State Patrol fallen officers and to provide assistance to active and retired Washington State Patrol employees and their families in times of need.

The Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation (WSPMF) was created in 1982. We have provided more than 2 million dollars in financial assistance to Washington State Patrol employees and their families.

All proceeds from the annual memorial dinner are placed into our Fallen Scholarship Fund to provide assistance for the children and spouses of our fallen officers to attend college. This last year, the foundation provided a total of \$34,050.00 to Jim Saunders & Kailey and Erik Hanger to attend college.

Christian Frink, son of Steven Frink who died in the line of duty on March 22, 1993, graduated from Western Washington University in 2012.

Megan and Jim Saunders, daughter and son of Trooper James Saunders, who died in the line of duty on October 7, 1999, both attended the University of Washington. Megan graduated in 2018. Jim is currently in his senior year.

Emily, Erin, Kailey, Erik and Kyle, children of Detective Brent Hanger, who died in the line of duty on August 6, 2015, attended Western Washington University and the University of Washington. Emily and Erin have graduated. Kailey is in her senior year at University of Washington, Erik is starting his junior year at Western Washington University and Kyle is starting his freshman year at Skagit Valley College.

Gedeon Lagasse Padgett, son of Trooper S. Renee Padgett, who died in the line of duty on September 4, 2018, is beginning his freshman year at Washington State University.

The scholarship program for WSP employees, their spouses, and children is in its 29th year. The WSPMF provided 5 new scholarships and 9 renewable scholarships to families of the Washington State Patrol in the last fiscal year. The WSPMF received an educational grant for \$4,000.00 from the WSP Troopers Association. With that grant, we were able to provide 8 additional one-time \$500.00 scholarships. Our scholarship assistance this year totals \$18,000.00 and we were able to help 22 individuals with their school expenses.

This year, in addition to scholarships, the WSPMF has provided \$21,338.00 in assistance to WSP families. While much of the assistance provided by the WSPMF is confidential in nature, the WSPMF is proud to disclose its involvement in the following activity:

The WSP Memorial Foundation Board made the difficult decision, due to the ongoing complications with the COVID-19 virus, to cancel our 38th Annual WSP Memorial Foundation dinner, scheduled for April 17, 2021. An auction was held both online and in person. We were able to raise \$32,637.00 for our Fallen Scholarship Fund.

The WSPMF currently has 1,185 contributing members (976 active and 209 retired employees). To be a voting member of the WSPMF, you must contribute \$5 per month or \$2.50 a pay period. This minimal deduction goes a long way toward helping WSP families in times of need. If you would like to be a contributing member of the WSPMF or would like to increase your monthly donation, please request the form through Megan King at wspmemorialfoundation@gmail.com or (360) 597-4411.

The 40th Annual Washington State Patrol Memorial Foundation Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at the Hilton in Vancouver, WA. Please join us to remember those officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. Note: Please visit the WSPMF website at the following link for ticket information and hotel reservations: <https://www.wspmf.org/events>. Event information will be posted in January 2022. Remember – all proceeds from the dinner are placed into our Fallen Scholarship Fund.