

Daniel Brownell Memorial Scholarship Application 2026

This one-time \$1,000 scholarship is given each year to honor the memory of former Holmes County Sheriff Daniel Jackson Brownell

To be eligible, applicants must be a graduating senior at Holmes County High School and also seeking a career in law enforcement (including corrections or game warden) or as an emergency responder (paramedic, EMT, firefighter, etc.) Award check will be made payable to a college of the recipient's choice.



Applications may be dropped off or mailed to:
 HOLMES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
 1173 E HIGHWAY 90
 BONIFAY, FLORIDA 32425

APPLICATION DEADLINE April 15, 2026.

Contact Information

Applicant Name	
Mailing Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Parent or Guardian Name and Phone Number	

Background

Are you a senior at Holmes County High School? _____

What is your cumulative GPA? _____

Are you pursuing a law enforcement or other emergency responder career? _____

Which field do you plan on entering? (Corrections, sheriff's deputy, firefighter, EMT, etc.)

What college do you anticipate attending?

List any extracurricular activities or community organizations in which you are involved:

Brief Essay

Briefly tell us what inspired you to enter your chosen field and how this scholarship can help you achieve that goal. If necessary, you may attach a separate sheet of paper to this application with your answer.



About Sheriff Daniel Brownell

END OF WATCH: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1872

Sheriff Daniel Jackson Brownell was shot and killed November 26, 1872, when he responded to a report of a disturbance at the courthouse on River Road in the then-Holmes County seat of Cerra Gorda. He was 40 years old.

Brownell was at home with his family when he was advised of the disturbance. The sheriff mounted his horse and rode a few miles into town. When the sheriff arrived on scene, he was confronted by a gunman named Boutwell, and a gun battle ensued. Boutwell shot and fatally wounded the sheriff - but not before the sheriff was able to return fire. Sheriff Brownell shot and killed the suspect before he fell.

Sheriff Brownell had served with the Holmes County Sheriff's Office for ten years, having previously also served with the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He was survived by his wife and six children.

