



CHERYL WATSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP MASSACHUSETTS VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACADEMY

ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP: In memory of Essex County District Attorney's Chief of Victim Witness Services, Cheryl Watson, the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance, is awarding two scholarships for the Massachusetts Victim Assistance Academy (MVAA) in her honor. Cheryl was deeply committed to the Massachusetts Victim Assistance Academy and was involved as a member of the initial steering committee to create the academy. She then served for many years as both a mentor and faculty member at the academy helping to inspire and share her wisdom with new generations of victim advocates. The scholarships will be awarded during Victim Rights Month, for both the basic and advanced academies. The recipients will currently be working with victim and survivors of crime in either the criminal justice or community based fields, demonstrating a dedication to advocating for victims of crime. The recipients will have a commitment to victim services as a career and possess leadership qualities.

ABOUT CHERYL WATSON: In her capacity as Chief of Victim Witness Services for District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett's office, Cheryl led by example. Her kindness and brilliance were admired by all who had the good fortune to work with her. Cheryl worked in the field of victim services for over twenty-five years. In 1986, she co-founded the Victim of Crime and Loss Program (VOCAL), at Project RAP in Beverly. Cheryl also worked as a Victim Witness Advocate in the Essex County District Attorney's Office, as Victim Advocate/Outreach Coordinator for the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance and as Director of the Victim Compensation and Assistance Division in the Attorney General's Office. Notably, Cheryl's impact on victim services expanded beyond Massachusetts as she presented on numerous victim-related issues nationally and internationally. These presentations included traveling to Haifa, Israel to participate in a domestic violence conference for Israeli and Palestinian women. Cheryl was devoted to her husband, Dick, her son Keith and his girlfriend Keri, her daughter, Adria, and son in law Jeff. She was also the proud grandmother of two granddaughters, Chloe and Hailey. We are grateful to her family for sharing her with all of the survivors she helped and her colleagues who benefited from her always present smile and her steady and profound wisdom.

**Cheryl Watson Memorial Scholarship
Massachusetts Victim Assistance Academy
Application Cover Page**

APPLICANT'S NAME (PRINT)

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

APPLICANT'S TITLE

AGENCY

AGENCY DIRECTOR'S NAME (PRINT)

AGENCY DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE

DATE

AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS: IN TOTAL 2 SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED: 1 SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACADEMY AND 1 SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ADVANCED MASSACHUSETTS VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACADEMY

APPLICATION PROCESS/REQUIREMENTS: To be considered, interested applicants must submit (1) a complete, signed MVAA application and (2) a written narrative for this scholarship opportunity of no more than 3 pages that includes the following:

1. A brief description of your current position and scope of work, achievements you are most proud of to date, and your passion and commitment;
2. A narrative detailing how some aspect of your professional work, civic/volunteer experience, and/or other efforts demonstrate the qualities and ideals described above about the person whose life is honored by this scholarship opportunity.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 11, 2016.

Please submit completed application with scholarship materials to:

MOVA, c/o MVAA

One Ashburton Place, Suite 1101, Boston, MA 02108

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