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High School Application

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Dear Applicant,

We are pleased to be able to offer academic scholarships for the upcoming school terms of the year applied. Scholarship awards are available for \$2,000 per academic year to students enrolled in a college, university, community/junior college or technical school.

To be eligible for scholarship consideration, applicant must be a graduating high school senior whose parent or legal guardian is a current or honorably retired peace officer, reserve peace officer, probation officer, correctional officer, emergency medical technician/paramedic, firefighter, or 9-1-1 dispatcher serving with a governmental or volunteer emergency response agency within Fort Bend County, Texas. Past scholarship recipients and current college students are also eligible to reapply/apply for the scholarship for up to four (4) years (eight (8) semesters) while meeting all other eligibility criteria, using the college application.

Scholarships are available to students enrolled in any college, university or technical school that is accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (US Dept of Education maintains a searchable database:

<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx>)

Applicants must be enrolled in at least twelve (12) college credit hours or equivalent “full-time” status to receive a scholarship disbursement. Applicant must maintain at least a 2.5/4.0 unweighted grade point average or equivalent “passing” grade to be eligible to reapply for a scholarship. An incomplete or failing grade in any class may cause a suspension of funding for the next term. A sealed official high school transcript is required with this application.

Completed applications **must be emailed and transcripts must be post marked by March 31**. Applications delivered in person will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be considered for scholarship. A résumé will not be accepted in lieu of an application. Additional pages may be attached to the application, if needed, to comprehensively answer any questions on the application. An essay is a requirement and must be attached to the application. The essay must be typed, **double-spaced** using **12-point font** and have a **word count at the end** of the essay.

Scholarship finalists will be notified by email to appear for a personal interview. Please see details below for submitting the application via email.

Best wishes for your continuing education!

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**Eligibility:** Any graduating high school senior whose parent or legal guardian is a current or honorably retired peace officer, reserve peace officer, probation officers, correctional officer, emergency medical technician/paramedic, firefighter, or 9-1-1 dispatcher serving with a governmental or volunteer emergency response agency within Fort Bend County. Applicant must maintain at least a 2.5/4.0 unweighted grade point average or equivalent “passing” grade to be eligible. Past recipients and current college students are also eligible to reapply/apply for the scholarship for up to four (4) years (eight (8) semesters) while meeting all other eligibility criteria using the college application.

## **High School Applicant Information:** (Please type or print legibly)

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Class Standing (Rank/Total Students): \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_/4.0 unweighted

SAT Scores: Critical Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Writing: \_\_\_\_\_ Date tested: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Score: Composite: \_\_\_\_\_ Date tested: \_\_\_\_\_

Courses in progress and anticipated grades? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular activities\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Leadership (offices held, awards received, etc)\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Community Service activities\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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Colleges/Universities to which you have applied (indicate if you have been accepted): \_\_\_\_\_

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Prospective field of study and career goals: \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Additional pages may be attached, if needed.

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## Qualifying Parent's Information:

Name (First, Middle Initial, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach **all** of the following to your application:

- ☐ Sealed, official high school transcript or GED certification (including most recent semester completed). This must include your un-weighted 4.0 GPA shown. Mail a hard copy to the address below.
- ☐ Two recent letters of recommendation one (1) from an academic based and the other from someone you have worked with in the community.
- ☐ One digital headshot photo with a solid color background emailed to: Scholarship@behindthebadgecharities.org
- ☐ **Essay:**
  - Essay (between 250 and 650 words) explaining how living with a parent/guardian who is a first responder has influenced or affected your life and the goals you have set for the future.
- ☐ Be prepared to discuss Behind the Badge Charities (how and why it was founded, what we do for first responders, etc.) during the interview.

## AFFIRMATION:

The information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate in its entirety. I understand that incomplete applications will not be considered for scholarship. I also, understand this information will be reviewed and may be verified, if necessary. In applying for this scholarship, I grant permission to publish my name and photograph for publicity and promotional purposes.

**Applicant Electronic Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications must be emailed no later than March 31<sup>st</sup> for year of application.**

**Transcripts must be postmarked no later than March 31<sup>st</sup> for year of application.**

**Email to: Scholarship@behindthebadgecharities.org**  
**Mail transcripts to: Behind the Badge Charities Scholarship**  
**202 Century Square Blvd.**  
**Sugar Land, TX 77478**

**The following criteria may be used to evaluate applicants:** Academic achievement, citizenship and community involvement, written essay, and personal interview. Behind the Badge Charities, Inc. does not discriminate on the basis of physical disability, gender, ethnicity, religion, or financial need. All scholarships are contingent upon the qualifications of applicants and the availability of funds. Finalists will be notified by mail regarding a personal interview.