

PLANO FIRE-RESCUE ASSOCIATES

2023 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

OVERVIEW:

The Scholarship Program was founded in 2003 to benefit the sons and daughters of the currently employed or retired Plano Fire-Rescue (PFR) employee in good-standing. Plano Fire-Rescue Association (PFRA) provides funding for this program from private and corporate donations. The number of scholarships and the amount of each varies depending upon available funds each year. Due to funding issues, previous recipients are no longer eligible for a second scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicant must be a child/dependent of a currently employed, or retired, Plano Fire-Rescue employee in good standing.
- Applicant must be a high school graduate.
- Applicant must not have been convicted of a felony.
- Applicant must be under 25 years of age.
- Applicant must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours of college credits (or considered a full-time student by the institution) at an accredited college, university, or vocational school.
- Applicant must provide proof of college/school enrollment to PFRA Scholarship Committee prior to a scholarship payment being completed.
- If Applicant is an incoming college freshman or equivalent, an acceptance letter, a fee receipt or other proof of enrollment from the college must be provided.
- Applicants may be requested to participate in a personal interview as part of the selection process.
- All applications must show proof of enrollment and include official copy(ies) of transcripts from high school and college (if currently attending college).
- Applications **must be complete**. Incomplete applications may be disregarded.

SELECTION PROCESS:

- Applications will be evaluated by weighted analysis of each item on the application. Recipients will be determined by these scores. See specific criteria below.
- Scholarships will be awarded by the Scholarship Committee.

SELECTION CRITERIA (includes but is not limited to the following):

- Demonstration of Scholastic Ability
- High School GPA – copy of transcript
- SAT and/or ACT test results – copy of scores
- Academic Awards and Honors
- Extracurricular activities/honors ~ Work History ~ Community Service
- Written composition expressing Educational and Career Goals

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IMPORTANT NOTES – from the PFRA Selection Committee:

- Your application must be complete – respond to ALL questions/requests.
- Attention to details and complete responses matter. Incomplete responses may disqualify your application.
- Do not speak in acronyms – abbreviations/acronyms may have several meanings. (However, we do understand SAT/ACT!)
- Provide additional information when necessary to help us understand your “circumstances”. We do not know you – give us some insight!
- Appearances matter – neatness, readability, timeliness of submittal. You should spend as much time on your application as you expect us to spend on our review of it!
- Recommendations from teachers and/or other professionals are impressive. Letters of recommendations may be included.
- Your educational goals should be well thought-out and clearly stated. Put some effort into this. Fund-raising is hard work for us – convince us that if we give our funds to you, we will have made a good choice.
- Understand that you are competing with other deserving applicants. Give this your best effort!

SUBMISSIONS:

- Must be postmarked by May 16th of the current year.
- Mail applications to:

Plano Fire-Rescue Associates, Inc.
ATTN: Scholarship Program
3948 Legacy Drive
Suite 106-274
Plano, Texas 75023-8600

**** SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL/EMAIL AND PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE INSTITUTION UPON VERIFICATION OF FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT.**

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Applicant's Name	
PFR Employee's Name and Position with PFR	
Home address (including Zip)	
Applicant's Telephone # (xxx-xxx-xxxx)	Cell: Home:
Applicant's E-mail address	
Proof of full-time college enrollment? (Attach copy)	Yes / No (circle one)
Under 25 years of age?	Yes / No (circle one)
Convicted of a felony?	Yes / No (circle one)
High School G.P.A. (attach transcript)	_____ GPA / _____ TOTAL (4.0 or 5.0)
College G.P.A. (attach transcript)	_____ GPA / _____ TOTAL (4.0 or 5.0)
High School Graduate or GED prior to June 15, 2023?	Yes / No (circle one)
SAT and/or ACT Scores (attach copy)	SAT: _____ ACT: _____
College / University Name College / University Address College / University Student ID	
Is Application complete? If incomplete, please explain. (See "Application Checklist".)	Yes / No (circle one)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Applicant's Name:	
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Academic Awards & Honors received:

Extracurricular Activities (e.g. Clubs, Sports, Organizations, Community Service, etc.):

Work History:

Please also describe or attach any additional information you feel would be beneficial to your application's review by the Selection Committee. Clean copies of documents are recommended.

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Applicant's Name:	
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Please provide a brief summary expressing your educational and career goals.

Educational and Career Goals

Please mail your completed
Scholarship Application via
USPS Certified Mail to:

PFRA Scholarship Committee
3948 Legacy Drive
Suite 106-274
Plano, TX 75023-8600

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Before mailing, have you included all the following?

_____ **Completed Signed Application**

_____ **Response Question** (please proofread)

_____ **Proof of Enrollment** (i.e. acceptance letter, fee receipt, housing reservation, etc). Community college or open enrollment schools that don't send acceptance letters – fish camp or freshman orientation reservations will be accepted until you have enrolled.)

_____ **Transcripts** Graduating high school seniors, please request these early! College students please provide both High School and College transcripts.

_____ **Two Letters of Recommendation** (1 professional – 1 personal)

_____ **SAT/ACT Documentation** (copies of scores acceptable)

_____ Any **additional information** about yourself that you think will be helpful in the decision-making process.

You will be contacted via email when your application has been received. If you are missing anything, we will let you know. Any incomplete applications or late applications (postmarked after date in the footer) will not be considered. **It is advised that Applicants keep an exact copy of the original application and attachments in case of loss.** After the scholarships have been awarded, applications will be destroyed. If you have any questions, please contact:

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PFRA Scholarship Committee
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