



## **Texas Department of Public Safety Foundation 2017-2018 Scholarship Application**

**Ten \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded for the 2017-2018 academic year.**

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Must be 1) a current or retired employee of the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS); or 2) an immediate family member (spouse, parent, or child) of a current, retired, or deceased employee(s) of the Texas DPS.
- Must be 1) an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at a college or university and pursuing studies toward an academic or professional degree (including high school seniors who will begin undergraduate studies in the fall of 2017); or 2) a full or part-time student enrolled in an accredited academic institution's training program that prepares students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation.

### **DOCUMENTS REQUIRED**

**Please submit a complete electronic package as a PDF document in the order listed. Title the file as your full name.**

- Completed scholarship application, including essay responses;
- Official transcript highlighting the most recent academic work completed (mailed to the Foundation);
- Two letters of recommendation, preferably from references outside the DPS unless the reference is an immediate supervisor (may be emailed from reference if necessary to [scholarship@texasdpsfoundation.org](mailto:scholarship@texasdpsfoundation.org)); and
- Resume.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Prior academic performance, recommendations, and financial need;
- Honors, awards, and leadership skills;
- Answers to essay questions;
- Proposed path of study or evidence of special talent; and
- Priority will be given to spouses and children of DPS employees who have been killed, disabled, or severely injured in the line of duty.

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## Applicant's Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ (Used for letter salutation purposes only.)

Household Annual Income before Taxes: \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional information but helps the selection committee evaluate need.)

## Eligibility Information

Are you a current DPS Employee?: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a retired DPS Employee?: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you immediate family (spouse, parent, or child) of a DPS Employee(s)?: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you immediate family (spouse, parent, or child) of a DPS Retiree(s)?: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

List name(s) and duty station(s) of immediate family member(s) employed by the DPS, as well as your relationship to the employee(s):

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List name(s) and last duty station(s) of immediate family member(s) who have retired from the DPS, along with year of retirement and your relationship to the retiree(s):

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Was an immediate family member employed by the DPS killed, disabled, or severely injured in the line of duty? If so, please describe:

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## Educational Data

Academic Institution in Which Enrolled or Will be Enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study Planned: \_\_\_\_\_

## Activities and Achievements

Extracurricular Activities: (Attach an additional page if necessary)

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Leadership Activities/Honors and Awards (Attach an additional page if necessary):

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Have you ever been awarded a scholarship? If yes, please describe, including year and amount received.

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## Essay Questions

On a separate page, please answer the following questions. **Limit your responses to no more than 500 words per question:**

1. Why should you be considered for a Texas Department of Public Safety Foundation scholarship?
2. What strengths/assets do you have that you feel would contribute to your chosen profession?
3. Describe and evaluate one experience that significantly influenced your academic interests.

## Certification

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give permission to the Texas Department of Public Safety Foundation to share this information for the purpose of review, recruitment, and public relations. I also authorize the Texas Department of Public Safety Foundation to publish my short essays as desired, together with my likeness if I am granted a scholarship.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature** (if under 18 at time of submission): \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Applications must be emailed and transcripts postmarked by May 5, 2017, 5:00PM \***

**Winners will be announced by June 30, 2017.**

Please send completed application package electronically as a PDF document. Title the file as your Full Name, and include your application, letters of reference and resume.

Please send your completed application electronically to:

**[scholarship@texasdpsfoundation.org](mailto:scholarship@texasdpsfoundation.org)**

Please have your official transcript mailed to:

**Texas Department of Public Safety Foundation  
Attn: Scholarship Program  
9600 Escarpment Blvd, Suite #46  
Austin, TX 78749**

#### **PAYMENT**

- Funds must be used for tuition and related expenses – including fees, books, supplies and equipment required for course instruction. Funds will be paid directly to the education institution designated by the recipient for the benefit of that recipient. No funds will be paid directly to a student.
- Funds will be disbursed at the beginning of each semester at the rate of one-half (1/2) of the total amount of the scholarship per semester for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Recipients shall submit a transcript upon completion of the fall semester to demonstrate good academic standing prior to the second semester check being issued. Transcripts should be submitted to: Texas Department of Public Safety Foundation, Attn: Scholarship Program, 9600 Escarpment Blvd, Suite #46, Austin, TX 78749.