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College Application

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C H A R I T I E S

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 have graduated high school and have a 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 are also eligible to reapply/renew the scholarship for up to four (4) years (eight (8) semesters) while meeting all other eligibility criteria.

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 college 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:** Must have graduated high school and are a current college student 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. Applicant must maintain at least a 2.5/4.0 unweighted grade point average or equivalent “passing” grade to be eligible. Past recipients are also eligible to reapply the scholarship for up to four (4) years (eight (8) semesters) while meeting all other eligibility criteria.

### **College 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: \_\_\_\_\_ College Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

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

G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_/4.0 unweighted Total Hours Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Certificates/Additional Studies: \_\_\_\_\_ Dropped Courses:  Yes or  No

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

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

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

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

Internships to which you have applied (indicate if you have been accepted): \_\_\_\_\_

Prospective career goals\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* 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 (excluding mailing your official transcript):

- Sealed, official college transcript (showing completion of most recent courses). This must include your un-weighted 4.0 GPA shown and **shall be mailed as a hard copy** to the address below.
- Two recent (one year or less) letters of recommendation one (1) academic based and the other from someone you have worked with in the community (scanned or copy of their letter).
- One digital headshot photo with a solid color background emailed to: Scholarship@behindthebadgecharities.org
- One** essay from the topics below based on your qualifications
- Essay** (between 250 and 650 words, word count on the last page footer, double-spaced, 12pt font):
  - How would you increase the bond between first responders and the community?
- 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.