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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 be a dependent of 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 who will be enrolled in at least twelve (12) college credit hours or equivalent "full-time" status. They can attend 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>) 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.

Completed applications **must be emailed by 5:00 P.M. March 1**. Applications delivered in person will not be accepted. 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 official college transcript is required with this application as well as two letters of recommendation, a headshot and responses to short answer questions are required and must be attached to the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered for a scholarship.

Scholarship finalists will be notified by email to sign up for interviews that will be held in April. Be prepared to discuss Behind the Badge Charities during the interview. Any deviation from scheduled times or designated procedures will be subject to review by the Scholarship Committee on an individual basis.

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 who is the dependent of 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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\* Additional pages may be attached, if needed.

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### Qualifying First Responder Information:

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

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

Parent Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please attach the following to this completed application and email it to  
Scholarship@behindthebadgecharities.org (have your school email your official transcript):

- ☐ 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
- ☐ Short Answer responses to the following questions:
  - 1) What are your plans for the fall and where do you see yourself in 10 years? What led you to this decision?
  - 2) Looking into the future.....10 years from now you are successful. What does that look like to you?
  - 3) As a child of a first responder can you tell us about a time you were an advocate for a first responder?
  - 4) Have you ever made an assumption about someone very different from you & later realized you were wrong? (explain)
- ☐ Official college transcript (showing completion of most recent courses). This must include your un-weighted 4.0 GPA shown and shall be emailed to Scholarship@behindthebadgecharities.org.

### 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** \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed Application, letters of recommendation, headshot, short answer responses and your official transcript must be emailed no later than 5:00 P.M.**

**March 1st for the year of application.**

**Email to: Scholarship@behindthebadgecharities.org**

**The following criteria may be used to evaluate applicants:** Academic achievement, citizenship and community involvement, written short answer responses, and personal interview including dress, demeanor and timeliness. 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 email regarding a personal interview once the applications are processed.