



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Wives Behind the Badge is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 2006 by a group of police wives. We are dedicated to providing much needed resources, emotional support and essential benefits to police families. We are committed to serving as a voice for the law enforcement community, which directly impacts public safety in the community.

PURPOSE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The WBTB Scholarship seeks to provide financial assistance for the higher educational needs of the children (natural or adopted) of law enforcement officers. These children are eligible to submit an application for the scholarship, which is a one-time payment in the amount of \$1000.00.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be the **dependent** child (natural or adopted) of a local, state, or federal law enforcement officer (full-time active service, retired, or killed in the line of duty). Children of reserve officers or military police are not eligible.
- Applicant must be a current high school senior or currently attending an accredited four-year college/university.
- Applicant must have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher (based on a 4.0 system).
- Applicant must be a citizen of the United States.

SCHOLARSHIP RULES

- All entries will be reviewed by the Wives Behind the Badge Scholarship Committee.
- The winner will be chosen based on adherence to scholarship rules and the quality of the application submitted.
- Scholarship awards will be based on the overall merit, determined by the Committee, such as scholastic achievement, character, personal and career goals, extracurricular activities, and community service of the applicant.
- Wives Behind the Badge will award scholarships on an annual basis. Scholarships will only be awarded once to each recipient. Awardees will not be eligible for any additional scholarships/renewals.

- Applications and scholarships will not be judged based on sex, creed, national origin, religious preference, or income of the applicant's parents.
- Scholarships are to be awarded (certificate only) in the second week of May. When the award is made, the recipient will be notified that funds will be released upon proof of acceptance into a certified college.
- Should a scholarship be awarded to a candidate who decides not to attend a four-year institution, the scholarship will be forfeited and awarded to the runner-up selected by the Scholarship Committee.
- Scholarships will be paid directly to the approved educational institution.
- WBTB funds, if awarded, cannot be applied to a semester completed in part or whole retroactively.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed Scholarship Application Form
- Proof of parent or guardian's occupation (I.D. or supervisory letter accepted)
- Letter of recommendation from applicant's principal, counselor/advisor, or teacher
- Current OFFICIAL transcript
- A 400 word autobiographical essay which includes educational goals, personal and career goals, and the value of a higher education to the applicant. It must also include information about the applicant, his/her family, and his/her personal interests and hobbies.
- INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR JUDGING.
- APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED VIA FAX OR EMAIL.

Mail completed application and all required attachments to:
Wives Behind the Badge, Inc.
Scholarship Committee
PO Box 3665
Clovis, CA 93613

Application Deadline: Close of business day on April 2, 2010.

For more information or questions, email: scholarships@wivesbehindthebadge.org

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