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## FRESNO FIRE CHIEF'S FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

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1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is **0900 hours on February 24, 2023**. No exceptions. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
5. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered.
6. You will be notified by email or phone call in **March 2023** regarding the status of your application.
7. If you have any questions about the application, please email Executive Assistant to the Fire Chief, Annette Grieser at [annette.grieser@fresno.gov](mailto:annette.grieser@fresno.gov)

NOTE: The **Fresno Fire Chief's Foundation** will handle all deposits of funds to Fresno City College for selected program(s).

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**Purpose:** To provide a single year scholarship for up to two (2) deserving Fresno County underserved/minority status youth interested in or intending to pursue a fire service-related course of; Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-1) Certification program (Fresno City College or similar) and/or the Fresno City College Fire Academy.

**Underserved/Minority Status Means:** Any population segment with exceptional service needs including, but not limited to, those persons and/or youth in which one or more of the following apply; geographically isolated, economically disadvantaged, low-income, underrepresented, racial/ethnic minorities (including women and girls), sexual minority, and/or first-generation students.

**Award Components:** Up to two (2) scholarships may be awarded depending on the funds generated for distribution each year as selected by the **Fresno Fire Chief's Foundation Scholarship Committee**.

**Criteria:**

1. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED.
2. Applicants must be between the ages of 18-28.
3. Applicants must meet the Underserved/Minority status criteria listed above.
4. Applicants must have a valid driver's license.

**Application Process:**

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form; if handwritten, please print legibly.
2. Two letters of recommendations from choice of high school teacher/mentor, administrators, counselors, employers, or individual with significant knowledge of applicant's character, achievements, and/or involvement in the community.
3. A copy of your high school diploma or GED certificate.
4. Personal Essay. In your essay, please answer the question on the enclosed essay sheet.
5. Possible oral interview with the **Fresno Fire Chief's Foundation Scholarship Committee** member(s) if you are selected as a finalist.

**Please mail (to address below)**

**Or submit application in person at the Fresno Fire Department 911 H Street (Attn: FFCF):**

**Fresno Fire Chief's Foundation  
Scholarship Committee  
P. O. Box 107  
Fresno, California 93707-0107**

**Please type or print your answers below. If application is illegible, it will be returned to you.**

1. Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

4. Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell No.: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Current High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Years attended: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name/Address/Phone numbers of parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Please identify if parent or guardian:  
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7. List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter (i.e., personal, other scholarships, grants, student loan(s), and other financial resources). Include amounts of all items listed.

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?

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9. List your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school or college:

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10. List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:

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11. **Personal Essay:** Please write your essay as a separate document, include your name, date of birth, and mailing address at the top of the page, print and attach it to this application. **Your essay must be limited to 250 words**, neat and legible to be accepted with this application. You may select to type your essay.

**Essay Topic:** *What has triggered your passion for the fire service field and what specifically would you like to accomplish in the fire service.*

17. The following items must be attached to this application for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee. Initial after each item to indicate you have attached these items to this application.

- A. **Two (2) reference letters.**

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- B. **Copy of your high school diploma or GED certificate**

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- D. **Personal Essay.** Please include your name, date of birth, and mailing address at the top of the page of your essay. Print and attach it to this application. Your essay must be neat and legible to be accepted with this application.

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## STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the **Fresno Fire Chief's Foundation's Scholarship Program**.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to **Fresno Fire Chief's Foundation Scholarship Policy**, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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