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KERRI L. DONIS SCHOLARSHIP FOR ASPIRING WOMEN FIREFIGHTERS
FRESNO FIRE CHIEF'S FOUNDATION

1. **DEADLINE** for scholarship applications is **0900 hours on April 6, 2026**.
NO EXCEPTIONS. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.
2. Refer to the criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Refer to the application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., recommendation letters, high school diploma or GED, etc.). Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. If any questions in this application do not apply to you, please put N/A in the space.
5. You will be notified by email or phone call in **May 2026** regarding the status of your application.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please email Admin@beafirehero.org.

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

Purpose: To provide a single year scholarship for ONE (1) deserving Fresno County female recipient 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.

Female Applicant(s): Any female applicant with a heart for service who demonstrates a will to continue the commitment of empowering women to serve in the fire service.

Award Components: Up to ONE (1) scholarship 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 18-21.
3. Applicants must have a valid driver's license.

Application Process:

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Complete and submit the application form electronically.
2. TWO (2) letters of recommendation 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. Oral Interview with the **Fresno Fire Chief's Foundation Scholarship Committee** member(s) if you are selected as a finalist.

All applications and attachments are to be submitted electronically through the Fresno Fire Chief's Foundation website at www.beafirehero.org.

Fresno Fire Chief's Foundation Scholarship Committee

Please complete all sections below.

1. Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2. Date of Birth: _____
3. Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code
4. Daytime Phone Number: _____ Cell No.: _____
5. High School Attended: _____ Years Attended: _____
6. If minor at time of application, please provide:
Name/Address/Phone numbers of parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
Please identify if parent or guardian:

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.

Comments: _____

8. What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?

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

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

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, and submit it with this application as an attachment electronically. **Your essay must be limited to 250 words**, neat, and legible to be accepted. You may select to type your essay.

Essay Topic: *What has stimulated your passion for a career in the fire service, and what specific goals will you set for yourself to ensure your success in the fire service?*

12. 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) recommendation letters.**

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

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- C. **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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