

2026 DRFFA Scholarship

Eligibility Requirements and Rules Governing the Award of Scholarship Money

The DRFFA Scholarship Fund shall be administered by the DRFFA Scholarship Committee in a manner consistent with the following criteria and guidelines.

A. The eligibility requirements which an individual must meet to qualify for scholarship monies are:

- a. The applicant must be a member of the Dallas Fire-Rescue family. Applicant must be able to demonstrate immediate family relationship (parent, step-parent, grandparent, sibling, spouse) to a current or retired member of the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department.
- b. The applicant must become and remain a full-time student for at least two terms or semesters at an accredited university, or junior or senior college, in the year in which the applicant applies, OR
- c. The applicant must participate full-time in a program offered by an accredited trade school or other agency upon completion of which the applicant will be certified or licensed in a trade or profession, OR
- d. The applicant must be engaged part-time in a program at an accredited institution, etc. or accredited trade school and must demonstrate to the Scholarship Committee reasonable commitment to the ultimate completion of a degree or certification. Under this requirement applicants will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and qualification is solely at the discretion of the committee.

B. The Rules governing the award of scholarships are:

- a. An applicant for a 2026 Scholarship shall submit an application to DRFFA Scholarship Committee on the form approved by the Committee (see following) accompanied by an official copy of his or her high school and/or college transcript(s) with any standardized test scores and letters of recommendation no later than March 31, 2026.
- b. The Committee will notify all applicants of the decision made regarding their application June 1, 2026.
- c. The Committee will enlist the services of independent evaluators to ensure impartial determination of scholarship recipients.
- d. The Committee will screen all applications to assure guidelines are met and submit all qualified applications to independent evaluators for the final determination of awards.
- e. Each year, the Committee will award a designated number of \$2,000 scholarships for one academic year, approved by the membership of the DRFFA at the annual meeting.
- f. Applicants awarded scholarships who fail to remain successfully enrolled in their course of study agree to repay the scholarship fund in full. If the Committee determines that the recipient was unsuccessful through no fault of their own, the repayment requirement is waived.
- g. All scholarship monies awarded shall be paid on behalf of the successful applicant to the appropriate office of the accredited institution which the applicant will be attending. The successful applicant must provide the name of the institution, the name, address, and phone number of the office to which the monies are to be paid and any student ID numbers that are required.
- h. Within thirty days of being notified that he/she has received a scholarship award, the successful applicant must have contacted the Treasurer of the DRFFA and provided the required details as to how the money should be paid to the applicant's educational institution. If the scholarship recipient fails to make this notification by July 1, 2026, the scholarship will be forfeited.

2026 DRFFA Scholarship Application Form

Scholarships will be awarded based on applicant essays and application quality, scholastic excellence, community service and activities, and letters of recommendation.

Please complete the application by typing or printing legibly. Only completed and signed applications will be considered.

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Birthdate: Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

Address/P.O.Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home phone number: _____ Cell phone number: _____

Email address: _____

School currently attending: _____

GPA: _____

College, University or Trade School that you plan to attend: _____

To be eligible you must be related to a current or retired member of the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department (parent, step-parent, grandparent, sibling, or spouse). Please list that member's information.

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Relationship: _____ Active: _____ Retired: _____ Deceased: _____

Station: _____ Department: _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip code: _____

Home phone number: _____ Cell phone number: _____

Email address: _____

To be considered for the scholarship you must write a personal essay (minimum of 250 words, not to exceed 500) on a separate sheet of paper, either typed or printed legibly, including the following topics:

- . academic goals and how you plan to achieve them
- . personal and professional goals
- . achievements
- . why you feel you should be selected to receive this scholarship
- . how will this scholarship assist you in your education
- . any additional information you would like to have considered

Please demonstrate your participation and leadership in school activities, organizations, or extracurricular activities, and honors or awards, etc:

Discuss your community service involvement and what it has meant to you:

Two signed letters of recommendation are required from a teacher, counselor, or advisor that describe your academic excellence, abilities, and potential to succeed. The letters must accompany your application.

An official transcript of your most recently completed term, from your high school and/or college, must be received by the March 31, 2026 application deadline.

Completed application and essay must be submitted no later than March 31, 2026.

To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing information and any attached information are true and correct.

Signature of applicant:

Date: _____

Please submit your completed application and essay to:

DRFFA Scholarship Committee
c/o Susan Drake
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Carrollton, Texas 75006
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