

# Piedmont North Carolina Firefighter's Association Scholarship Application

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*NOTE: To apply for this scholarship, you MUST be a member of or a dependent of a member who is a member of a Fire Department or Fire Marshal's office located in the Piedmont Region.*

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## Check Scholarship Applying For:

\_\_\_\_ Ted Armstrong Scholarship (First Year Student) – \$2,500

\_\_\_\_ Chief Chris Hooper Second or Third Year College Student – \$2,500

(Two recipients will be selected for each scholarship listed above)

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Fire Department Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name (Last): \_\_\_\_\_ (First): \_\_\_\_\_ (MI): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Phone Numbers: Home: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are an active fire department member, how long? \_\_\_\_\_ Department Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted to or are you currently enrolled at a college, university, or community college?

Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_ If yes, please list all that you have been accepted to or currently attend:

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If a current or future High School graduate, list the date you received or will receive a high school diploma:

Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative High School G.P.A. (Un-weighted): \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ out of: \_\_\_\_\_

College G.P.A. from last year (if a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year scholarship applicant): College: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have a full time or part-time job: Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

If "yes", Please state your title and provide information on the number of hours worked per week (average) and describe your work duties:

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Please list the extra-curricular school related activities in which you are or have been involved during high school (for example, sports, band, clubs) and indicate any offices held and the amount of time per week you have spent involved in these activities (include number of years):

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Please list any community or church related activities in which you are currently involved or were involved during high school (for example, scouts, 4-H, choir). Include the number of hours per week and the number of years that you have been involved:

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Please list any honors or awards that you have received:

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**Please attach any supplemental sheets and/or documentation as needed.**

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**Parents or Guardians Names and Address(s):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department or Fire Marshal's Office represented: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list the number of family members, including yourself and your parents, guardians, and other children or other people who live with and/or are supported primarily by your parents / guardian. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the number of family members who will be college students in the next two years; indicate if they are or will be full time or part-time students; and if in a two or four year program (include yourself):

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Please describe any unusual circumstances which affect your family's finances or any other circumstances that you want us to consider for this scholarship (example, physical or mental illness or disability of yourself, a dependent or parent:

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**Student Income:**

Last Tax Year Adjusted Gross Income (See Your Latest Tax Return): \_\_\_\_\_

List any income or benefits received in last tax year which are not included in the above figure (such as interest on tax exempt bonds):

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If no income tax return was filed, please explain why:

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Have you received or do you anticipate receiving other scholarships or grants to pay for your education?

Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_

Yes/No If "yes", please identify the sources: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you anticipate applying for student loans to pay for your education? Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_

**Parent / Guardian Income:**

Last Tax Year Adjusted Gross Income (See Your Latest Tax Return): \_\_\_\_\_

List any other benefits or incomes which are not included in the above figure:

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If no tax return was filed, please explain why:

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### Student and Parent / Guardian Complete This Section

Please provide the value of the following assets owned by the applicant or parents of the applicant, these values may be estimated (list "0" if none).

	Student	Parent / Guardian
Home Value:		
Home Debt (mortgage amount):		
Cash, Savings, and Checking:		
Other Real Estate and Investment Values (do not include the home above):		
Other Real Estate and Investment debt:		
Value of retirement plans or similar assets:		
Business value (include the value of an interest in any type of business including sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or other entity):		
Business debt:		

Your scholarship application will be denied if the below items are not submitted with your completed application packet:

1. A sealed letter of recommendation from your Fire Chief (if representing a FD), Fire Marshal (if representing a FMO), or from a community member.
2. A sealed high school or college transcript.

All of the requested items, along with this application form, must be submitted together and postmarked by **March 31<sup>st</sup>** to be accepted.

Please date and sign this form to indicate that the information you have submitted is accurate and complete to the best of your knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fire Chief or Fire Marshal Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please mail completed application packet to:**

**PNCFA  
P.O. Box 158  
Bahama, N.C. 27503  
Attn: Scholarship Committee**

## **PNCFA Annual – Scholarship Administrative Policy**

### **1. General Overview**

- 1.1.** This policy serves as a directive to ensure appropriate distribution of scholarship monies to provide post-secondary educational financial assistance for Piedmont North Carolina Firefighters' Association (PNCFA) members and/or their dependent children.
- 1.2.** Scholarship awards are based upon the applicant's community involvement, leadership roles, honors, awards, certificates, certifications, employment, financial need, scholastic achievement, varsity sports, and references. Specific questions regarding the above information are included in the application.

### **2. Scholarship Awards**

- 2.1.** Scholarship awards are granted in 2 application categories.
- 2.2.** The maximum combined dollar amount of scholarships awarded per year is \$10,000.00.
- 2.3.** All scholarship applicants must be an active member, or be the dependent child of an active member of the PNCFA at the time of the application submission.
- 2.4.** Applicants may apply for only one scholarship per year.
- 2.5.** All of the areas of the scholarship application must be completed. Applications with incomplete information or blank spaces will be disqualified.
- 2.6.** Recipients of the PNCFA scholarship awards must maintain a minimum course load of 6 credit hours per semester.
- 2.7.** Recipients must attend a regionally accredited institution of higher education recognized by the U.S. Department of Education including colleges, universities, and community colleges.
- 2.8.** Recipient selection is based on the information provided on or with the application. No other selection factors shall be considered. The members of the Scholarship Committee will review all information submitted on or with the application.
- 2.9. Ted Armstrong First Year Student Scholarships**
  - 2.9.1.** Two Ted Armstrong first year scholarship recipients will receive \$2,500.00 each.
  - 2.9.2.** Scholarships are available to volunteer, career and graduating high school seniors.
- 2.10. Second or Third Year Student Scholarships**
  - 2.10.1.** Two Second- or Third-Year scholarship recipients will receive \$2,500.00 each.
  - 2.10.2.** Scholarships are available to volunteer or career firefighters, and dependent children.

### **3. Multiple Scholarships**

- 3.1.** PNCFA scholarships are awarded to help finance educational opportunities for deserving students. The PNCFA reserves the right to review prior scholarship awards and make necessary awards and adjustments necessary to benefit multiple students in the most cost effective and efficient manner.
- 3.2.** Students awarded multiple scholarships will be reviewed on an individual basis. Reviews will consider the following criteria:
  - 3.2.1.** PNCFA scholarship amount.
  - 3.2.2.** Additional scholarship provision:
  - 3.2.3.** Full scholarship award.
  - 3.2.4.** Tuition, books, housing, meals, and associated costs.
  - 3.2.5.** Awarding agencies (i.e. Associations, State, Local, Civic, or Private Institutions).
  - 3.2.6.** Academic awards (Morehead Scholars or others).
  - 3.2.7.** Student need.

### 3.2.8. Public vs. private colleges and universities.

#### 4. Academic Standing

- 4.1. A minimum GPA of 2.00 is required by each scholarship recipient to continue to receive scholarship funds.
- 4.2. Should the cumulative GPA drop below the minimum GPA for any semester, the scholarship monies are forfeited for that semester. The student has one semester to increase the cumulative GPA requirement to remain eligible for the scholarship award. Once the student's GPA meets the minimum requirement, the scholarship is reinstated. Failure to increase the cumulative GPA to the minimum requirement for two consecutive semesters shall result in the forfeiture of remaining scholarship funds.
- 4.3. The PNCFA will make tuition payments directly to the student upon the completion of each semester and upon submittal of the previous semester's grades.
- 4.4. Payments for the Ted Armstrong scholarship (First Year Student) are \$1,250.00 per semester.
- 4.5. Payments for a Two- or Three-Year Student are \$1,250.00 per semester

#### 5. Reporting of Grades

- 5.1. It is the responsibility of the student to submit an official copy of their college or university grade transcript to the PNCFA Treasurer by US Mail, Federal Express Envelope, or UPS Express Envelope at the end of each semester.
  - 5.1.1. The mailing address for the scholarship transcript grade report is:  
Edward Brinson  
5820 Heatherstone Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27606
- 5.2. The official transcript shall include the college or university name and watermark seal, course names, date of courses, hours attempted, hours completed, class grade, semester GPA and cumulative GPA.
- 5.3. The official transcript must indicate that scholarship requirements are being met to the satisfaction of the PNCFA Board of Directors or designee. The semester allotted scholarship amount will not be paid if it is found the student has not met the minimum scholarship requirements.
- 5.4. The PNCFA shall revoke a scholarship award if it is found the student did not meet the minimum scholarship requirements for two consecutive semesters.
- 5.5. The PNCFA Treasurer will submit the previous semester's allotted scholarship payment amount to the student within 15 calendar days upon receiving all appropriate documentation.
- 5.6. Grade Submission Schedule
  - 5.6.1. Fall grade submissions must be post marked or show proof of shipping date by January 31<sup>st</sup> to receive scholarship payments.
  - 5.6.2. Spring grade submissions must be post marked or show proof of shipping date by June 30<sup>th</sup> to receive scholarship payments.
  - 5.6.3. Summer grade submissions must be post marked or show proof of shipping date by August 31<sup>st</sup> to receive scholarship payments.
- 5.7. It is the student's responsibility to ensure proper documentation is submitted to the PNCFA Treasurer within the required period. No scholarship payments will be distributed until proper documentation is submitted to the PNCFA Treasurer.
- 5.8. The PNCFA reserves the right to request an original official grade transcript mailed from the student's college or university as deemed necessary by the sitting President of the PNCFA.