



YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2009 Applicant Information

HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM

NBFAA Youth Scholarship Program

In 1996, the NBFAA launched the Youth Scholarship Program. The program was created to promote goodwill among the electronic systems industry and police and the fire officials by providing college scholarship awards to their deserving sons or daughters.

NBFAA, a non-profit 501 (c) 6 trade association, is the nation's oldest and largest organization dedicated to representing, promoting, and supporting the electronic life safety, security and systems industry. Member companies specialize in a wide spectrum of services to commercial and residential customers, including security and fire alarms, video surveillance, access control and monitoring. In cooperation with a federation of state associations, NBFAA provides government advocacy and delivers timely information, professional development tools, products and services that members use to grow and prosper their businesses. The NBFAA may be reached at (888) 447-1689 or on the Web at www.alarm.org

Although the Youth Scholarship Program is just a few years old, thousands of dollars have been given to students attending higher education institutions across our country. In fact, more than \$250,000 has been given out by the participating states and NBFAA.

Today, NBFAA and participating Chartered Chapter Associations such as OELSSA, are involved in the scholarship program. The first place winner of each state's program is automatically considered for the national NBFAA Youth Scholarship Program awards. **Students who reside in a participating state must enter their state-level scholarship program to be considered for national awards.**

The winner of the OELSSA (state) scholarship will receive \$1,000 and be entered in the NBFAA scholarship competition. The first place winner of the national NBFAA Youth Scholarship Program receives \$10,000 to put towards their college education, the second place award winner receives \$7,500 and the third place winner receives \$2,500.

Mail completed applications (including transcripts, essay and other documentation) to:
THE OHIO LIFE SAFETY AND SECURITY ASSOCIATION, 1145 SLADE AVENUE, COLUMBUS, OH 43235.

The Application deadline for the Youth Scholarship Program:

MARCH 31 2009

All decisions are final. All materials become property of OELSA and the NBFAA. Submission is permission to publish any and all essays. Applicants are encouraged to make Copies for their files.

RULES AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The student must be at least 15 years of age and not older than 20. He or she must be a graduating high school senior who will receive a diploma from an accredited high school, located within the state where they apply. He or she must be accepted for admission to an accredited college or university, matriculating the following year.
2. Each eligible student must have a father, mother or natural guardian who meets the following qualifications:
 - a. Full-time active employee in the state where the student applies.
 - b. Parent must be a full-time paid member of the police or sheriff's department or fire department. Parent/guardian may also be a volunteer member of a fire department.
 - c. Parent or guardian must be a full-time public safety officer (police/fire). Children of administrative staff do not qualify.
 - d. Children of DHS, FBI and other Federal employees do not qualify.
 - e. Children of reserve officers, part-time sheriff's deputies and retired, deceased or disabled employees do not qualify.
3. Each student must submit a fully completed and signed application. Failure to follow instructions can result in disqualification.
4. Students must submit the following:
 - a. Completed and signed application
 - b. Essay (typed)
 - c. Proof of enrollment in high school via an official transcript sent by the high school (if transcripts cannot be provided, alternate means of providing enrollment will be accepted on an individual basis)
 - d. Proof of acceptance to a college or university (letter acceptable)
 - e. Proof of parent's occupation (ID or supervisory letter acceptable)
 - f. **Copies of SAT and/or ACT** test score results submitted by the high school (this can be done at the same time as the official transcript)
 - g. Letter of recommendations from the high school counselor or other outside agency which verifies participation in extracurricular activities
 - h. The application may be submitted first, followed by the other documents; however, all materials must be received by the deadline in order to be considered.
5. All materials (including essays) become the property of the NBF AA Chartered Chapter (if applicable) and NBF AA. By submitting an application and essay, the student grants permission to publish any and all essays. Applicants also agree that if they win, they will cooperate in publicity efforts, including (but not limited to) participating in interviews with state and national NBF AA communications, local, trade and national press, and submitting photos for inclusion in state chapter and national publications, press materials and online. Applicants will make every effort to meet with the local NBF AA chapter for an award presentation ceremony. (Attendance at such an event is not a requirement but is encouraged.)
6. Awards are based on a combination of academic achievement, national test scores, extracurricular participation and the essay. All decisions are final. The score is based on the following:

a. Grade Average	35 points
b. SAT Scores or ACT	30 points
c. Essay	20 points
d. Academic prizes, awards, hobbies, school and outside extracurricular activities	15 points

Total

100 points



STUDENT APPLICATION

Please type or clearly print all information. Form must be filled out completely and signed.

Name of Applicant _____
Last First Middle

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

High School Information

Name of High School _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Year of HS Graduation _____ GPA through 11 Grade _____ Class Ranking _____

Test Scores

SAT Score Verbal: _____ Math: _____ Essay: _____ Total: _____

ACT Score Verbal: _____ Math: _____ Essay: _____ Total: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name of Mother, Father or Guardian Employed by the Police or Fire Department

_____ Last First Middle

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Precinct or Fire House _____ Badge Number _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Additional Information

Academic prizes, awards, extracurricular activities, outside activities, community service and hobbies should be on a separate sheet attached to the application.

Writing Sample/Essay

On a separate sheet(s) of paper, write a 500-750 word essay which explains **"What it means to ME to have my parent or guardian involved in securing out community."** Please be original, creative and use proper spelling, grammar and punctuation. (Only writing samples that are typed or printed clearly will be considered.)

Applicants who submit this form and meet the appropriate requirements agree to the following:

1. All prize winners will be notified in writing
2. All applications and writing samples become party of the NBFAA and its state chapters.
3. I verify to the best of my knowledge that all of the information contained in this application is accurate and correct. My parent or guardian has signed this application too, verifying the accuracy of the information contained herein.
4. I agree to terms and conditions of the NBFAA Youth Scholarship Program. I authorize the NBFAA and/or its state chapter to verify all aspects of this application with my high school or the employer of my parent or guardian. I agree to abide by all the terms and conditions of the NBFAA Youth Scholarship Rules.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

