

FOOTSTEPS FOR THE FALLEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Rules & Regulations Governing the Award of Scholarship Money

- A. Consistent with the criteria and guidelines adopted by the Board of Directors for, Footsteps For The Fallen Inc., at their January 14, 2017 meeting, the eligibility requirements which an individual must meet to qualify for scholarship monies from Footsteps For The Fallen Inc. are:
- a. Applicants must be a dependent of an individual who is currently a Texas Volunteer Firefighter in good standings with their department and the State Firefighters & Fire Marshals Association "SFFMA", or is certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection "TCFP" and employed as a Firefighter, or currently certified by the Texas Department of Health "TDH" as an ECA, EMT, EMT-I, EMT-P, and employed as EMS First Responder in the State of Texas, or certified by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement "TCOLE" as a Law Enforcement Officer, and employed as a Law Enforcement Officer in the State of Texas, or was certified at the time of death as a Texas First Responder "Municipal, Industrial, or Volunteer".
 - b. Applicants must become and remain a full-time student for at least two terms or semesters at an accredited university, junior or senior college, in the year in which the applicant applies.
 - c. Applicants must attend an accredited university, junior or senior college, qualified applicants can reapply yearly until the age of 21.
 - d. Applicants may not be a member of a present Director's, Officer's, or Committee member's immediate family by birth, marriage or adoption, or by custodianship or guardianship.
- B. The Rules governing the award of scholarships are:
- a. An applicant for scholarship shall submit an application to the Board of Directors in the form approved by the Board, by **March 1** of the year in which the applicant will be entering an accredited university, junior or senior college.
 - b. Upon the Board of Directors receipt of a scholarship application, the Board will notify the applicant:
 - i. that it has received the scholarship application
 - ii. that the application will be acted upon
 - c. The Board of Directors will make the award selections before May 1 of the same year. Upon the Board's determination to deny a scholarship application, the Board will notify the applicant by letter of its appreciation for applicant's consideration of the Fund, and that he or she has not been awarded a scholarship.
 - d. All scholarship money awarded shall be paid on behalf of the successful applicant to the appropriate office of the accredited university, junior or senior college, which the applicant will be attending.
 - e. Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500 for each applicant's first two terms or semesters, for a total of \$1,000 for each successful applicant. If, after payment of the first \$500, an applicant fails to continue to meet the eligibility criteria, no second \$500 payment shall be made on behalf of the applicant and the applicant will forfeit his or her entitlement to the second payment. The applicant shall also be indebted to Footsteps For The Fallen Inc. for the entire amount of the first payment unless the applicant is unable to continue to meet the eligibility criteria through no fault of his or her own. If after the second payment of \$500, the applicant fails to continue to meet the eligibility criteria, the applicant shall be indebted to Footsteps For The Fallen Inc. for the entire amount of the second payment, unless the applicant is unable to continue to meet the eligibility criteria through no fault of his or her own.
 - f. Each year, the Board of Directors shall award a minimum of \$1,000 each to an eligible female and an eligible male applicant. If, in the sole discretion and determination of the Board of Directors of, Footsteps For The Fallen Inc., financial condition permits the award of further money, the Board of Directors shall award additional scholarships on the amount of \$1,000 each to an equal number of female and male applicants unless the remaining applicants are all of the same sex, in which event, the Board of Directors may award that number of \$1,000 scholarships which it, in its sole discretion and determination, deems fit.