



The San Antonio Police Officers’ Association Benefit Fund Scholarship

“It must be remembered that the purpose of education is not to fill the minds of students with facts.....it is to teach them to think.” – Robert M. Hutchins

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History about the San Antonio Police Officers' Association Benefit Fund Scholarship

The San Antonio Police Officers' Association (S.A.P.O.A.) Benefit Fund Scholarship was started after the death of Officer Patricia Calderon on December 27, 1988. Officer Calderon was chasing a theft suspect on foot through the thick brush near Salado Creek at 2 a.m.; due to poor visibility she fell into the creek and drowned. Officer Calderon was the first female San Antonio Police Officer killed in the line of duty. She was 26 years old and had served 5 years on the Department.

The S.A.P.O.A. Benefit Fund Scholarship continues to honor all San Antonio Police Officers that have made the ultimate sacrifice. The S.A.P.O.A. continues to keep their memory alive by awarding college scholarships to deserving applicants wishing to further their education.

Scholarship Criteria

Each year, the San Antonio Police Officers' Association Benefit Fund Scholarship awards up to \$6,000 to five recipients. Four recipients receive a non-renewable \$1,000 scholarship and one recipient a non-renewable \$2,000 scholarship. The five recipients will be announced in May and a check presentation will be hosted at the S.A.P.O.A. Offices on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

Any graduating high school senior wishing to apply must meet the following criteria:

The applicant will:

- Provide an acceptance letter from an accredited college or university.
- Have maintained a minimum of an 85 GPA throughout their high school career.
- Provide an original sealed high school transcript.
- Provide an essay on why you feel you should be selected as one of the recipients; explain your future career goals and the life experiences that have influenced you to choose your career field.
 - Essay should be no longer than two pages in length, Times New Roman font, 12 size, single spaced with one inch margins

Finalist will be:

- Called upon for an interview with the Scholarship Committee.
- Called upon for speaking engagements and/or be asked to volunteer at fundraising events on behalf of S.A.P.O.A. after the scholarship has been awarded

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PERSONAL DATA:

High School Name	Years Attended
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High School Address (street, city, state and zip code)

High School Phone Number	Counselor's Name
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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – *List present and past involvement in civic, professional and religious organizations. Include offices, committees served on and/or leadership positions held and date(s) of service. Please add additional pages if needed.*

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AWARDS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS:

List your three highest personal awards, honors or appointments:

1.) _____

2.) _____

3.) _____

List your three most important accomplishments:

1.) _____

2.) _____

3.) _____



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EXTRACURRICULAR AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

List extracurricular activities and honors classes that you participated in during your junior and senior year of high school (*Include activities such as band, choir, sports and/or clubs*):

List community service activities you participated in outside of high school all four years. (*Include activities such as church, camp, political involvement*):



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Please send completed application and attachments to:

**San Antonio Police Officers' Association
Benefit Fund Scholarship
Attention: Marisa N. Flores
1939 N.E. Loop 410, Suite 300
San Antonio, TX 78217**

**Application Deadline:
All applications must be received or postmarked on
or before Thursday, April 22, 2010.**