



# Youth Scholarship Program Application

*For*

Children of Law Enforcement  
and Fire Service Personnel

Rules and Eligibility Requirements

\$12,000

In State and National Awards

Application Deadline  
Postmarked by **March 23, 2018**

800-556-9232

## **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

There are two levels of awards for applications from New York

### **Level I State Awards**

Law Enforcement Category \$1,000

Fire Service Category \$1,000

The candidate with the highest overall score will be considered for Level II awards

### **Level II National Award**

First Place \$7,500

Second Place \$2,500

## **RULES & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Applicants 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. Home schooled students and students attending military or boarding schools are also eligible to apply. Applicants 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. The student's school must be located in the state where the parent is a full-time active employee OR within a 100-mile radius of where the parent is a full-time active employee.
  - 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 an active duty police officer, firefighter, paramedic, or EMT (public sector). 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, or deceased 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. Transcripts from the school (or parent if home schooled) that lists the student's grade point average. GPA must be in a standard 4.0 or 0-100 percent scale or conversion method must be provided (weighted GPA scores accepted).
  - d. Proof of acceptance to a college or university (letter/certificate acceptable; does not have to be the student's intended college or university).
  - e. Proof of parent's occupation (copy of ID or supervisory letter on station letterhead acceptable).
  - f. Copies of official SAT and/or ACT test score results. (These may be included on and sent with official high school transcripts).
  - g. Résumé listing community service, academic prizes, awards, hobbies, extracurricular activities and work history.
  - h. Proof of verified community service.
  - i. Letter of recommendations from a high school counselor, teacher or other outside agency which verifies participation in extracurricular activities and speaks of the student's character.
5. All materials become the property of the New York State Electronic Security Association and Electronic Security Association. 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 ESA communications, local, trade and national press, and submitting photos for inclusion in state chapter and national publications, press materials and online. Winners will be contacted by the New York State Electronic Security Association for an awards presentation.
6. Awards are based on a combination of academic achievement, national test scores, community service, extracurricular participation and the essay. All decisions are final. The score is based on the following:
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| a. Grade Average   | 20 points |
| b. SAT Scores or ACT   | 20 points |
| c. Essay   | 20 points |
| d. Verified Community Service  | 25 points |
| e. Academic prizes, awards, hobbies, school and outside extracurricular activities | 15 points |

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

### High School Information

Name of High School (write "home schooled" if applicable)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Year of HS Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ GPA through 11<sup>th</sup> Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Class Ranking \_\_\_\_\_

### Test Scores

Highest SAT Scores: Verbal: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Writing: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
Highest ACT Score: Composite Score: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Precinct or Fire House \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### School Counselor Information

Home schooled students should list contact information of the person who can best verify school work and extracurricular activity.

Last Name First Name  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

## Résumé

Students should submit a résumé listing academic prizes, awards, extracurricular activities, outside activities, community service, work history and hobbies a separate sheet attached to the application.

## Writing Sample/Essay

On a separate sheet(s) of paper, write a 500-1000 word essay which explains “**What it means to me to have my parent or guardian involved in securing our community.**” Please be original, creative and use proper spelling, grammar and punctuation. (Only writing samples that are typed will be considered.)

The essay should be about **you** as an individual and how your parent or guardian, being a member of the public safety community, has shaped your character. Be sure to include specific examples of how decisions you’ve made in your life reflect the example he or she has set.

## Community Service Verification Form

Applicants must submit the attached community service application form. Please print as many copies as you need. You should submit one form for each place where you volunteered.

## Terms of Application

*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 property of the NYSESA and ESA.
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 the terms and conditions of the NYSESA/ ESA Youth Scholarship Program. I authorize the NYSESA and ESA 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 NYSESA/ ESA Youth Scholarship Rules.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail application and attachments to:**

**NYSESA YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
1971 Western Ave PMB # 1105 • Albany, NY 12203**

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**Information 800-556-9232**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE VERIFICATION FORM**

|                  |  |
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| Name             |  |
| Place of Service |  |
| Address          |  |
| Contact & Phone  |  |

| Date of Service | Number of Hours | Description of what you did while there |
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I witness that the above student has completed the community service described above.

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Signature of Contact Person