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The New Jersey Burglar and Fire Alarm Association (NJBFAA), an official chartered chapter of the Electronic Security Association (ESA), is pleased to announce the availability of college scholarship awards to sons and daughters of active-duty police and fire personnel.

The scholarship awards, in the amount of \$1,500 for first prize and \$1,000 for second prize, are available to qualified high school seniors. The rules for eligibility are contained in this mailing. The ESA has more than 2,500 members and the NJBFAA has 300 members in our state. Our members are companies that sell, design, install, maintain and monitor electronic burglar and fire alarm systems. This scholarship award is a small way for our industry to say thanks to our very dedicated public safety community, and to help pay for an advanced education for deserving students.

Please publicize this scholarship opportunity. A copy of the requirements and application are included with this letter. They can be copied and distributed as much as needed.

Another exciting aspect of this scholarship is that the first place winner from our state is eligible for the national scholarship awards. The ESA Youth Scholarship program awards two college scholarships. The first place national winner receives \$7,500 and the second place award winner receives \$2,500.

We are happy to provide this opportunity to two deserving students, and look forward to assisting you in any way. If you have questions, please contact Christine Higgins at 609-695-4444.

Sincerely,

Chris Mack

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Scholarship Committee Chairman



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Youth Scholarship Program 2012 Applicant Information



RULES AND 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. Homeschooled students 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. 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. The application may be submitted first, followed by other required documents. **Application and all other required documents must be received on or before the deadline to be accepted.** 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 SAT and/or ACT test score results submitted by the high school (these may be included on and sent with official high school transcripts)
 - g. Résumé listing academic prizes, awards, hobbies, extracurricular activities and work history
 - h. 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 NJBFAA and ESA. 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 NJBFAA and national ESA 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 NJBFAA 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	25 points
b. SAT Scores or ACT	30 points
c. Essay	25 points
d. Academic prizes, awards, hobbies, school and outside extracurricular activities	20 points

Total

100 points



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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 _____ 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 11th Grade _____ Class Ranking _____

Note: GPA must be in a standard 4.0 scale or based on a grade percentage of 1-100. If your official high school transcript does not include a GPA in one of these formats then a method of conversion must be supplied (weighted GPA scores accepted).

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.

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 NJBFAA 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 NJBFAA/ESA Youth Scholarship Program. I authorize the NJBFAA 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 NJBFAA/ESA Youth Scholarship Rules.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR THE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: MARCH 15, 2012 (*postmarked*)

Mail completed application and all supporting materials to:

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