

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34
Maryland Transportation Authority Police
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34 is proud to be able to offer student scholarships. This scholarship is for the family members of Active Sworn, Retired and Associate Members of Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34, who are in good standing. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors or existing college students continuing their education who have displayed excellence in academics. Scholarships may be awarded in an amount up to \$1000 for each selected applicant (based on moneys available in the scholarship fund). All required application paperwork is available at WWW.MDFOP34.ORG under the member services tab on the home page.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
2. Student must be a graduating high school senior or currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning.
3. Student must demonstrate a strong work ethic and personal character.
4. Student must demonstrate excellence in their chosen academic field.

THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE STRESSES THAT EACH APPLICATION MUST:

1. Be postmarked no later than June 30, 2017.
2. Be returned to the "Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34 at 730 Wampler Road Middle River, MD 21220.
3. Be signed by an Active Sworn, Retired or Associate Member of F.O.P. 34 in good standing.
4. Be marked "Student Scholarship Application" on the outermost envelope
5. Be fully completed and signed by the applicant.
6. Be completed on the 2017 forms
7. Be accompanied by an official transcript of cumulative grade point average. Official transcripts must have the school's embossed seal on the transcript itself, or be placed in an envelope secured with the school's embossed seal.

RECOMMENDATIONS (Not Mandatory):

These suggestions are offered in the hope that we can get all of our applicants qualified for the Scholarship they seek.

1. Send the application by certified mail. This will ensure its arrival by the deadline, and you will have a receipt that the Scholarship application was received.
2. Send the official transcript in the same envelope with the application, rather than have the school send it separately. This way you will ensure that both arrive together by the deadline.

AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34 Scholarship Committee will meet at the regularly scheduled general membership meeting for the month of July 2017 to award scholarships. Recipients will be notified as soon as practical via certified U.S. Mail Service. **Scholarship recipients will then be responsible for providing the institution's name and proof of enrollment to F.O.P 34 Scholarship Committee so scholarship payments can be made in a timely manner.** Scholarship dispersals will be made directly to the institution in the name of the recipient. The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34 will award at least one scholarship per academic year, but may at the discretion of the scholarship committee award more than one scholarship. In the event that no applications are received by The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34 by the application deadline, no scholarships will be awarded for that year.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

The scholarship committee will consider scholastic achievement and excellence, extracurricular activities (school and community), honors, active participation in sports team(s), and awards are points of consideration in the selection process. Race, color, sex, creed, religious beliefs, national origin, or physical impairments will not be considered in determining recipients.

LIMITATIONS:

Any applicant shall be disqualified from receiving a scholarship if the applicant receives any of the following:

1. Acceptance or appointment to any of the service academies
2. A scholarship/grant that is specifically designated for full-tuition and room & board.

APPLICATIONS:

Each prospective recipient shall sign his/her name in the space provided on the application form and by doing so, pledges to remain in school for the full semester following scholarship's award. The recipient further agrees to repay Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34 for the amount of the scholarship in the event that the student does not remain a full-time student for the semester immediately following the award.

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Sponsoring F.O.P. 34's Active Sworn or Active Retired Member Name: _____

Is applicant living in the F.O.P. 34 member's household? YES () NO () Applicant's Phone # _____

Is the applicant a graduating high school senior in 2017? YES () NO ()

Is the applicant continuing higher education? YES () NO ()

School you are attending: _____

Indicate the approximate cost of tuition, on campus room and board, and books. Please indicate if those figures are for a semester, quarter, or year. _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (attach transcript): _____

Undergraduate student? Yes () No () Graduate Student? Yes () No ()

If graduate student, list degree(s) obtained along with the date obtained:

Major Field of Study? _____

Have you ever received a F.O.P. 34 Scholarship? Yes () No ()

If yes, when and how much did you receive? _____

Specify amount and type of financial aid currently received/expected:

School Organizations and other activities (indicate offices held):

Required Signatures & Documentation

Additional Materials Required:

1. School Transcript (official copy).
2. PERSONAL STATEMENT: On an additional sheet, state how this scholarship could benefit you and your future plans, goals, and career objectives. You should provide any additional information that may be helpful in evaluating your application. **DO NOT TYPE YOUR STATEMENT.**

I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, CRITERIA FOR SELECTION, AND LIMITATIONS OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP. ALL INFORMATION IS CORRECT.

Applicant's Signature _____

F.O.P. 34 Active Sworn, Retired or Associate Member's Signature