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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR TEN \$5,000 MERIT BASED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE CHILDREN OF ACTIVE, RETIRED OR FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS IN THE USA

Pasadena, CA, March 8 – Fire Family Foundation is pleased to offer \$50,000 in college scholarships once again to the children of active, retired, or fallen firefighters. Scholarships are merit based and key criteria include the student’s past achievement as indicated by GPA, extracurricular activities, leadership roles, and community involvement. The applicant’s essay is also considered. Applications and required supplementary materials are now being accepted and must be submitted by 6:00 PM (Pacific Time) on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

“As a Board member of the Fire Family Foundation, it is gratifying to provide college scholarships to the children of firefighters in the US. We provide \$50,000 annually to ease the financial burden of attending college. Our scholarships recognize students for their achievements including grades, sports, community service, work experience, and leadership positions. These students are amazing,” said Michael Barilla, Vice Chair of the Fire Family Foundation Board, retired Battalion Chief of the *Pasadena Fire Department* and current Fire Technology Instructor.

- To apply, for more information, and a list of previous recipients visit: <https://firefamilyfoundation.org/Get-Assistance/Scholarships>
- For questions about the scholarship program, email: scholarships@firefamilyfoundation.org

About the Fire Family Foundation: After September 11, 2001, when 343 New York City firefighters were lost in the World Trade Center attack, Firefighters First Federal Credit Union was entrusted with charitable donations made by members of the fire service and the community. The incredible response resulted in the vision to establish a nonprofit Foundation focused on serving the firefighting community. In 2008, the Fire Family Foundation was established. The Fire Family Foundation’s mission is to provide support and financial assistance to firefighters and their families in times of need. The mission is fulfilled through four core programs, providing financial assistance grants to firefighters and their families, awarding college scholarships, providing disaster relief and granting funds to fire charities. Firefighters First Federal Credit Union supports the Fire Family Foundation’s overhead costs, so 100% of donations to the Foundation go directly to support its mission and programs.

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