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2026 Denver Fire Scholarship Program – DEADLINE JUNE 15, 2026

The Denver Fire Fighters Charitable Foundation and the Denver Fire Department Foundation in partnership with Burg Simpson and Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, are pleased to announce the 2026 Denver Fire Scholarship. We will award eight \$1,500 scholarships to qualifying students who are the children of an active or retired Denver firefighter. This scholarship program grows out of our interest in giving back to the Denver Fire community.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

PRIZES

Eight scholarships of \$1,500 will be awarded to eight selected finalist and can be used in any way to help pay the cost of tuition, fees, books, meal plans or housing. An independent committee made up of members outside the fire service will make the final decision. All essays are reviewed anonymously and all identifying information is removed before reviewers receive the essays.

ELIGIBILITY

This competition is open to seniors in high school and older who are:

- Currently in 12th grade and intend to enroll in an accredited 2 or 4-year technical college (trade school), college or university OR a student currently enrolled as an undergraduate in an accredited 2 or 4-year technical college (trade school), college or university
- Has a parent that is an active or retired member of the Denver Fire Department
- **Past applicants are encouraged to re-apply, however, past winners of this scholarship are not eligible**

Students will not be restricted as to the number or value of scholarships received from other sources to receive this award.

ESSAY TOPIC

The purpose of the essay is for the review committee to get an understanding of who you are, your goals for the future and what motivates you. Entrants must write an original essay of 750 words that answers one of the following topics.

- “Pick an experience from your own life and explain how it has influenced your goals.”
- “How has having a parent in the fire service influenced your life plans?”

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Essays must be original work. Any sources used must be properly cited and included in Works Cited/ Bibliography. Essays cannot be more than 750 words. Citations and Bibliography are not included in the word count.

SELECTION DETAILS

The winners of the award will be notified on or before August 1, 2026. All essays submitted become the property of the Denver Fire Fighters Charitable Foundation and the Denver Fire Department Foundation.

The winner will be selected by an independent selection committee. The decisions of the independent selection committee are final.

By entering the scholarship competition, winners agree to allow the Denver Fire Fighters Charitable Foundation, the Denver Fire Department Foundation, Burg Simpson and Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck the right to publish the entrant’s name, photograph, images and other general information for the purpose of publicity and promotion.

Disbursement of this scholarship is awarded based upon proof of registration sent to the Denver Fire Scholarship committee. Scholarship monies will be distributed by August 15, 2022.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

Application submissions for the 2026 scholarship contest will be accepted starting May 15, 2026, and ending 11:59 p.m. **June 15, 2026.**

Please submit your name, contact information (phone and email), name of the institution you will be attending and the name of your DFD member/parent along with your essay to admin@DFFCF.com

The contest deadline is 11:59 p.m. **June 15, 2026.** Any applications received after that date and time will not be considered.

Questions: email us at: admin@DFFCF.com

Thank you for your entry and Good Luck!!!