

B.A.D.G.E. of Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, Inc. Scholarship Application

Benevolent Association Dedicated to Giving to Employees of Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, Inc. (B.A.D.G.E.) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering aid to the employees of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office (FCSO). The mission is to give back to the employees of the FCSO that serve and protect our community. As a part of its mission, B.A.D.G.E. will award scholarship(s) to law enforcement officers of the FCSO, civilian employees of the FCSO, spouses or dependents of a full time officer or civilian employee of the FCSO.

Available Scholarships:

The B.A.D.G.E. Board, in its sole discretion, shall determine the recipients of each scholarship. The number of scholarship(s) shall vary in number depending upon the funding raised by B.A.D.G.E..

Scholarship Prerequisites:

Applicants must meet the following prerequisites to be eligible for a scholarship from B.A.D.G.E.:

1. The applicant (FCSO officer or civilian employee of the FCSO), or the FCSO employee whose spouse or dependant is applying for the scholarship, must have successfully completed their initial 12 month probationary period with the FCSO.
2. The applicant plans to attend a 2 or 4 year regionally accredited college or technical school.

Application Process:

The following items must be submitted before the application will be considered:

1. The application package shall consist of the following items which must be completed in their entirety at the time of submission to be considered for a scholarship: (1) application form, (2) essay, (3) school transcript(s), and (4) Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Testing (ACT) score(s).
2. For incoming college freshman and for those entering a technical school, include:
 - a. Your most recent high school transcript (or evidence of General Educational Development (GED) if applicable)
3. For incoming freshman who have graduated from high school within the last two (2) years include a copy of your SAT and/or ACT scores
4. For students having already successfully completed at least one semester in college, include:
 - a. Most recent college transcript
5. The completed application must be **received** by the Program **BY 4:00 P.M., ON NOVEMBER 1ST FOR SPRING SEMESTER AND JULY 1ST FOR FALL SEMESTER** to be considered for a scholarship. Late applications will **not** be accepted.

6. Mail one(1) copy of a completed typed application package to:

**B.A.D.G.E. of Forsyth County Sheriff's Office
Attn: Scholarship Program
525 Tribble Gap Road, Suite 1827
Cumming, GA 30028**

Applicants may be required to participate in an interview with B.A.D.G.E. as a part of the application process. Should B.A.D.G.E. request an interview with you, you will be notified of the time, place, and means by which the interview will be conducted.

Applications may be downloaded from the B.A.D.G.E. website at: <http://www.badgeoffcso.org>.

Please submit any questions to: badgeoffcso@gmail.com

Awards:

Scholarship(s) will be awarded two (2) times per year: five (5) for Fall semester and five (5) for Spring semester.

Scholarship funds will only be paid **to the college** directly.

It will be the student's responsibility to timely submit an invoice for his/her tuition and fees to B.A.D.G.E. at the address listed above, including with such invoice his/her student ID number, and all applicable information that would be required to make payment of such invoice. Should this information not be timely provided to B.A.D.G.E., B.A.D.G.E. may revoke the scholarship from the recipient without recourse. Should the scholarship be awarded to an applicant who then fails to register for classes, the scholarship may be revoked by the Program without recourse.

***Please note, that the applicant is responsible for the balance of the tuition/fees due if the scholarship provided by B.A.D.G.E. does not cover his/her tuition and fees in their entirety.

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PLEASE TYPE YOUR ANSWERS

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Cell #: _____ Last Four Digits of Social Security #: _____

Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth: _____

Are you:

_____ An officer with the FCSO

_____ Civilian employee of the FCSO

_____ Spouse of a fulltime officer or civilian employee of the FCSO

_____ Dependant of a fulltime officer or civilian employee of the FCSO

High School(s) Attended:

Name & Full Address

Dates Attended

*Graduation Date

* If pending, indicate anticipated month and year

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) for high school: _____ (on a 4.0 scale)

Colleges or Universities that you wish to attend (mark with an asterisk if already accepted):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Are you the first person in your family to go to college? Yes _____ No _____

Prospective Field of Study: _____

If you are already in college, what year are you currently in? (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior):

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) for college: _____ (on a 4.0 scale)

Anticipated college graduation date: _____

List hobbies and outside interests: _____

List extracurricular activities and volunteer activities in which you have been involved, together with the dates in which you were involved in such activities: _____

Work Experience: (include timeframes, number of hours worked per week, job duties and supervisor's name) _____

Do you plan to work while in college? Yes _____ No _____

Have you won any other scholarships? Yes _____ No _____

If you have won any scholarships, list the full name and duration of the scholarship(s):

Are there any compelling circumstances of which you would like the B.A.D.G.E. scholarship committee to be aware when considering your application? If so, explain _____

Please provide two (2) references, together with the contact information for each reference.

(Relatives of the applicant may not serve as a reference.)

Reference 1 Name: _____

Reference 1 Contact Information: _____

Reference 2 Name: _____

Reference 2 Contact Information: _____

ESSAY

On a separate sheet please write an essay (250 - 500 words) answering the question below. Please type your essay.

For Officers and civilian employees of the FCSO:

Describe how you believe that higher education (a degree) will enhance your ability to perform your duties and better serve the citizens of Forsyth County.

For spouses or dependants of a full time officer or civilian employee of the FCSO:

Describe how your educational intentions and career interests will help you become a better citizen of Forsyth County.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR APPLICANTS

I hereby affirm that all of the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote B.A.D.G.E.'s scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner that I must be present at any potential awards ceremony or reception to receive my scholarship award. I may also be required to participate in an interview as a part of the scholarship award decision process.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to B.A.D.G.E., it is my responsibility to remit to B.A.D.G.E. all of the necessary information for my scholarship to be paid directly to my educational institution.

I hereby understand that I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____

Date: _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ___ Completed Application Form
- ___ Essay
- ___ SAT/ACT scores (incoming college freshman who have graduated from high school within the last two (2) years)
- ___ High School Transcript or G.E.D. (incoming college freshman or technical school applicants only)
- ___ Most Recent College Transcript (applicants who have successfully completed 1 or more semesters in college)
- ___ 2 References

MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO THE FOUNDATION AT:

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REMINDER:

The deadline for this application to be received by the Foundation's Office is:

**FOR SPRING SEMESTER: NOVEMBER 1
FOR FALL SEMESTER: JULY 1**

NO EXCEPTIONS!