



Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance Scholarship Program

Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance Scholarships provide higher education financial assistance to the children and spouses of firefighters who took their lives. Jeff Dill, founder of Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance, has created a scholarship program in memory of those who have struggled with personal issues in their lives and felt suicide was their only way to remove their internal pain and suffering. For over five years, FBHA has devoted their efforts to educating firefighters and EMS personnel on suicide prevention and awareness.

Their commitment and leadership in the industry has led to developing this scholarship program for surviving family members. The names on the scholarships are in memory of family members that the founder, Jeff Dill, has developed close and personal relationships over the past years. They are as follows:

1. Firefighter Jack Slivinski Jr. Scholarship – *Awarded 2015*
2. Firefighter Scott Charles Bellucci Scholarship – *Awarded 2015*
3. Firefighter/Paramedic Todd A. Diercks Scholarship
4. Firefighter Timothy J. Karnisky Scholarship
5. Firefighter Michael Bonanno Scholarship – *Awarded 2018*

Scholarship amounts will be determined by the amount of funding donated to this program. The scholarship applications are available for the 2019-2020 school year. They will be awarded approximately four weeks after submission and approval. Applications will be found on our website at www.ffbha.org.

Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance is a 501 (C) (3) organization

FUNDING

Funding for scholarships are made possible by generous donations from the public and private organizations, fundraisers specifically held for the FBHA scholarship program, as well as a percentage of funds provided by workshops, presentations and consulting approved by the Board of Directors of Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance.

Scholarship Award Amount and Distribution

Each scholarship award amount is \$500.00.

A scholarship recipient is eligible to re-apply for a FBHA Scholarship award one time.

Scholarship awards will be announced once they have been approved, with the maximum of 3 awards per calendar year.

Scholarship awards will be made directly to the applicants for the upcoming academic year, upon verification of enrollment in a university or post secondary institution (may be a certificate or degree granting institution).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must be the natural or legally adopted child, spouse or other immediate family member of a firefighter or EMT who died by suicide.

There is no age restriction.

Applicant must possess a high school diploma or equivalent, or be in the final year of high school.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Candidates seeking a FBHA Scholarship award must complete an application form and forward it to the FBHA Scholarship Panel by the closing application date.

Applications may be downloaded from the Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance website at www.ffbha.org or obtained from FBHA at:

FBHA Scholarship Application
3655 W Anthem Way, Suite A-109-374
Anthem, AZ 85086

Or:

Email to: info@ffbha.org.

Application closing date is December 31, 2019. All applications and supporting materials must be mailed to FBHA Scholarship Program postmarked on or before this date.

Application for scholarship must include: (1) A completed FBHA Scholarship Application form (2) A brief essay (no more than 500 words typed), prepared by the applicant, on the following topic:

Having had a suicide impact your family, how would you use your experience to promote prevention and awareness to others?

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be assessed and awards granted based on the following criteria:

- (1) All information provided in the application.
- (2) The thoughtfulness of the applicant's essay and its relevance to the topic.

