



Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance 2021-2022 Scholarship Program

Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance Scholarships provide higher education financial assistance to the children, spouses and partners 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 11 years FBHA has devoted their efforts to educating firefighters and EMS personnel on suicide prevention and awareness.

FBHA's commitment and leadership in the industry has led to developing this scholarship program for surviving family members. The previous program awarded all of the funds donated specifically for the scholarships in memory of family members below:

1. **Firefighter Jack Slivinski Jr. Scholarship** - *Awarded September 2015 - Kayla Hill*
2. **Firefighter Scott Charles Bellucci Scholarship** - *Awarded November 2015 - Seth Livengood*
3. **Firefighter/Paramedic Todd A. Diercks Scholarship** - *Awarded October 2019 - Danielle Rebensdorf*
4. **Firefighter Timothy J. Karnisky Scholarship** - *Awarded April 2019 - Elizabeth Henderson*
5. **Firefighter Michael Bonanno Scholarship** - *Awarded August 2018 - Alice Peterson*

In 2021, FBHA updated the perimeters for the Scholarship. The \$1,000.00 Scholarship will be awarded once a year to one candidate. The candidate can receive the award one time. All the funds for the Scholarship is from general donations, fundraisers and revenue from workshops, consulting and donations for merchandise.

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.

One scholarship for \$1,000 will be awarded per one school year. Candidate can only receive it one time.

Scholarship awards will be announced once they have been approved.

Scholarship awards will be made directly to the applicant's college 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 partner of a firefighter or EMT who died by suicide.

There is no age restriction.

Applicant must possess:

A high school diploma or equivalent, or
In the final year of high school.

Or

Currently enrolled in a College, University or
Trade 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
1440 State Hwy 248, Suite Q #462
Branson, MO 65616

Or:

Email to: info@ffbha.org.

Application closing date is December 31, 2021. 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.
- (3) Provide official high school or college transcripts with a minimum 3.5 GPA.

