


C A M D E N  C O U N T Y
Hero Scholarship Fund

2024
Scholarship
Program

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The Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund, Inc., a non-profit organization, was formed in 1966 to provide financial assistance to the dependents of members of Camden County's Law Enforcement, Fire Service and Emergency Medical Service who had lost their lives or were totally and permanently disabled in the line of duty.

This scholarship award program was established in 1991 to aid children of actively serving public safety personnel in their desire to attend college or vocational school or to acquire other post-high school education.

Scholarship Award

Three scholarships at a maximum of \$2,000 each will be awarded.

One scholarship will be awarded for each field of service - Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Medical Service. If there are no qualified applicants for a field of service, then no scholarship awards will be made. No exceptions.

Applicants will be judged on the basis of SAT scores, academics, citizenship and family financial need. The Scholarship Committee will review and approve applications impartially.

Announcement of the award will normally be made in May.

Funds must be utilized within 36 months of commencing first fall semester.

Any unused portion of this Scholarship shall revert to the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund, Inc.

Eligibility

Applications will be limited to high school seniors who have the following:

- a) a parent actively serving, or deceased while serving in Camden County in a public safety capacity
- b) a parent retired from a position of public safety capacity, alive or deceased
- c) the students themselves are actively serving in a public safety capacity in one of the branches of public safety:**

Law Enforcement Fire Service Emergency Medical Service

*Retirement Definition as stated in Article 1, Section 1-D of our by-laws: Retirement - if retired and have an eligible child, must have completed the years required to qualify for pension under applicable municipal and state laws or have 25 years of active service as a volunteer firefighter or Emergency Medical Service personnel.

**Eligibility is limited to the children of public safety personnel engaged in the branches reflected above only. It does not include the children of personnel working in a clerical, or other non-related public safety duties.

General Information

Applications must be received no later than **April 15, 2024**.

Inside this brochure is an Application Requirement checklist. Please read it carefully. In addition to the application form, you are required to submit other information necessary for the committee evaluation. Only fully completed applications will be considered by the scholarship committee for award.

Each application shall be considered on its merit and all scholarships and/or grants will be awarded at the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees. All decisions of the selection committee are final.

Please direct any inquiries *concerning eligibility or application submission* to:

Scholarship Committee
c/o Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund, Inc.
162 W. White Horse Pike, Berlin, New Jersey 08009
(856) 768-9656
www.camdencountyhero.com

To Qualify

- The applicant's parent or applicant themselves must be actively serving Camden County in a branch of Law Enforcement, Fire Service or Emergency Medical Service; or their parent may be retired from a branch of Law Enforcement, Fire Service or Emergency Medical Service; or their parent was deceased while serving in a branch of Law Enforcement, Fire Service or Emergency Medical Service.
- **Student Status:** The applicant must be a registered member of the graduating high school class of 2024.
- **Diploma Requirements:** The applicant must be eligible to receive his/her high school diploma prior to September 1, 2024.
- **School Attendance:** The applicant must be a registered student in any private, parochial or public school located in or out of Camden County.
- **Aspirations:** The student must have a definite plan to pursue a post-high school program of education or training.
- **Character:** The applicant must have exhibited good citizenship traits and be of sound moral character.
- **Post-High School Program:** The applicant must plan on the pursuit of his or her post-high school program on a full-time basis.

Application Requirement Checklist

EACH ITEM BELOW MUST BE INCLUDED IN ORDER FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED.

- You, the applicant, must arrange with your high school Guidance Counselor for the forwarding to Scholarship Committee of:
 - **Your Secondary School transcript** including SAT scores.
 - **School's recommendation** with a special notation relative to character and citizenship. Please limit to two (2) submissions.
- Fill in the attached application form** (please type or print clearly). Please indicate which branch of Public Safety you, or your parents serve, the municipality, the address and phone number, **and include department letter confirming active service at time of application, or proof of retirement.**
- Attach the application form to a plain piece of paper** on which you supply the following information:
 - 1) **List the colleges or trade schools** you have applied to (in order of preference) and their anticipated costs.
 - 2) **List the Extra Curricular and Community Activities** in which you have participated in the order of importance to you. Include the activity, dates of participation, hours per week and the position you held.
 - 3) **List your work experience** by giving the job, employer, dates and hours per week on the job. Also include any work you plan for next summer.
 - 4) **Give a brief statement** of why you want to pursue further education or training, with any additional comments, such as hobbies, work and recreational experiences which you feel might be of interest to the selection committee.
 - 5) **Write a brief statement of financial need**, specifying why these scholarship funds would be a help to you. Specify your, and/or your parents' intended financial contributions to your education. Please feel free to include any financial hardships that your family may be experiencing or have incurred. **A copy of parent's tax return for the calendar year 2022 must be submitted.** (2023 not requested as submission date coincides with April 15th IRS deadline)
- Be sure to fill in the entire application form and mail with the above requested information to:

Scholarship Committee
Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund, Inc.
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Deadline for all 2024 applications is April 15, 2024.

Only fully completed applications including the information requested above will be considered by the selection committee for awards. Please note that students are eligible to receive only one scholarship from the Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund in a one-year period. If there are no qualified applicants, no award will be made.

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Application Form

Camden County Hero Scholarship Fund Scholarship Program

Please Type or Print Clearly

Name _____

Home Address _____

Town/City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

High School

Name

Town

State

Zip

Date of Expected Graduation _____

Other Secondary Schools Attended:

Name

Location

Name

Location

What Other Financial Assistance Have You Applied For or Received (including names and amounts):

Applications are open to students of any race, creed, color or gender.

*** Eligibility (check branch of Public Safety served and who serving) - Only one branch of service may be selected.*

Law Enforcement Fire Service

Emergency Medical Service

Parent Self

Municipality Served _____

Address

Phone

Signature of Applicant _____

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Application Deadline: April 15, 2024

*Please note that only one application will be accepted for each individual. Duplicate applications will not be considered. *
All items under "Application Requirement Checklist" must be attached for application to be considered.