

GUIDELINES and CRITERIA for SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Alarm Industry Foundation of Florida (AIFF) awards different types of advanced education Scholarships directed at Florida residents attending Florida schools that potentially lead to careers in the security, fire alarm or low voltage industries or public safety fire or law enforcement.

- 1. Individual Advanced Study Scholarships:** The Foundation will award Advanced Study scholarships for college, technical or trade school tuition annually. Available funds will be utilized to the fullest, with the award being a general academic scholarship for a specific academic year. Direct grants to students will be in a voucher to the school they will be attending and is to be used by the student to cover any qualified tuition expenses. Students receiving an academic scholarship for a specific year are eligible to reapply for a second, third, or fourth year based on the student's performance, personal need, and overall merit.
- 2. Institutional Program Scholarships:** Colleges or departments that offer a course of study that would lead a student to a career in the Security Alarm, Fire Alarm, Low Voltage, Public Safety Fire or Law Enforcement Industries are eligible to apply for a tuition assistance grant. Once awarded, the school will be responsible for awarding the scholarship to a student (or students) attending their program who would merit the tuition assistance, based on the school's own criteria. Schools wishing to apply should submit a letter on school stationery, signed by the department head, along with brochures or other supporting materials. One should detail the course of study offered, the type of students served, career paths of graduates, the level of need, and the criteria one expects to use when awarding tuition assistance.

Basic Student Applicant Qualifications:

- Florida resident
- U.S. Citizen
- For use at an accredited Florida 4-year College, University, Junior College or Vocational-Technical School.
- It is preferable that the Scholarship be accepted in person by the recipient at the AAF Annual Convention held in Orlando; or at another appropriate venue in the recipient's district.
- Completed or will complete a High School College Preparatory Course of Studies in the current academic year
- Have a 3.0 or better GPA in the Junior and Senior years of High School;
- Score 1,000 or more on the SAT (or an ACT score of 21).
- **Exception to GPA & SAT Scores:** If exceptional circumstances dictate, the AIFF Scholarship Committee can award a scholarship to a student who does not meet the GPA or SAT criteria. Candidates for a needs-based scholarship must have taken, or be taking the college preparatory course of studies; have a 2.0 or better GPA in the Junior and Senior years of High School; score 800 or more on the SAT (or an ACT score of 18).

Judging Criteria: The AIFF Scholarship Committee is not limited to an exact set of criteria in evaluating nominees however; the following general guidelines will be utilized:

- Personal Essay
- Academic Excellence
- Career Commitment
- Community Involvement
- Character References
- Communication Skills

Essay: A short essay is required with this application of at least 50 and no more than 100 words typed or clearly written answering in detail the following question: **“How do you view the future of your generation and where is your place in it?”**

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NAME: _____
Last First Middle

ADDRESS: _____
Street or P.O. Box

City State Zip

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

Social Security Number: XXX-XX-_____ (last 4 only) Date of Birth: ___/___/_____

For Academic year _____ Enrollment Status: New Freshmen? _____ OR Transfer? _____

Do you plan to enroll in a four year University? _____ OR Community College? _____

Where have you been accepted? _____ Intended Major _____

Scores: ACT _____ SAT _____ High School GPA _____

Current High School: _____
City, State

_____ Date of Graduation _____ Counselor's Name _____

List below any honors you have received. Include relevant Academic, Extracurricular, Athletic, Community Service, Transcripts and any Character References etc. as attachments

I certify that the information submitted is true and completed to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Along with this application include a short essay of at least 50 and no more than 100 words typed or clearly written answering in detail the following question:

How do you view the future of your generation and where is your place in it?

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION as follows
(Applications **MUST BE RECEIVED** by **DECEMBER 15th ANNUALLY**):

Scholarship Application
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