



# The Palm Beach Police Foundation Academic Scholarships

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The Application Process for the Palm Beach Police Foundation Academic Scholarship is beginning for the 2018-2019 academic year and now is the time to apply. This scholarship program is available to the dependent children of the employees of The Palm Beach Police Department providing the following criteria are met:

1. Student must be the child, legal dependent or adopted by an active uniformed or civilian employee, of the Town of Palm Beach Police Department. Student must be unmarried and under 25 years of age. Student must provide a birth certificate or proof of guardianship for initial application.
2. Student must be accepted to and a full-time student (minimum of 12 hours per semester) at an accredited college or university, accredited by a recognized regional accreditation body.
3. Student must have graduated from high school, or expect to graduate from high school, or possess a G.E.D by the initial application due date and have an initial Grade Point Average of 2.0. Successful applicants must demonstrate evidence of sufficient academic performance of a minimum of a 2.0 GPA and preparation to indicate reasonable success in the educational pursuit for which the applicant would apply the scholarship fund assistance.
4. Student must maintain the minimum GPA of 2.0 for subsequent renewals of the scholarship. Students will be required to provide a transcript of all grades to the Scholarship Committee along with their renewal application.
5. Students are generally eligible for no more than four undergraduate scholarship awards.
6. The Town of Palm Beach Police Department Employee length of service to qualify for scholarships is as follow:
  - a. Sworn Officers are eligible for the scholarship program immediately upon hire.
  - b. Civilian employees must work for the department for 5 years prior to becoming eligible for the scholarship program.
7. All employees must stay employed with the Town of Palm Beach Police Department or they must return the funds to the Foundation. If the employee separates from The Town of Palm Beach Police Department within the first five years of employment, the funds must be returned. Parent and student must complete a Return of Unused Funds promissory agreement prior to distribution of any funds. Both must sign and notarize document.
8. A retired employee of the Town of Palm Beach Police department must have retired with at least 20 years of service and have retired by town rules, following regular retirement and separation of employment, within the past 5 years. For those employed on December 31, 2009, separation not to exceed ten (10) years to maintain eligibility.

All applications must meet the above listed criteria and be received by the committee on time.

**Preliminary application due March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

**Final application due May 1st, 2018**

Applications should be submitted to Captain Mick Keehan for documentation and they will be forwarded to the Foundation. It is anticipated that funds will be disbursed in summer 2018.

Please note there is an **Initial Application** for first time applicants and a

**Renewal Application** for students who have previously received this scholarship.