



BENJAMIN J. DEEN AND LIQUORI TATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

PURPOSE

This fund was established to provide scholarships to full-time sworn Pine Belt law enforcement officers and their family members in cases where the officer is killed in the line of duty or sustains a career-ending permanent injury in the line of duty or while acting in an official capacity as substantiated by the appropriate investigating agency responsible for clearing the incident. Eligible family members include the officer's spouse, children, step-children, siblings (including half-brothers/half-sisters), parents and step parents or other legal dependents of the officer at the time of death or injury.

Recipients must reside in the Pine Belt area and be a full-time student at any community college, college, university, vocational school or police academy.

No funds from the PineBelt Foundation may be used for propaganda purposes, to influence legislation, to influence the outcome of an election, or for direct or indirect use in a voter registration drive.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Upon receipt of applications, the Benjamin J. Deen and Liquori Tate Fallen Officer Scholarship Selection Committee members will review each application. This Committee is comprised of PineBelt Foundation Board Members, Law Enforcement Officers, and Community Leaders.

Applicants can reapply as funding becomes available. Applicants should keep in mind that the PineBelt Foundation may receive more requests than can be funded.

CRITERIA & ELIGIBILITY

In making a decision, The Scholarship Advisory Committee will use the following criteria:

- Applicants must be the injured officer or a family member (as defined above) of a sworn law enforcement officer permanently disabled or deceased in the line of duty.
- The sworn law enforcement officer must have been serving in their official capacity in law enforcement at the time of injury or death in the Pine Belt of Mississippi (Forrest, Lamar, Jones, Marion, Perry, Jefferson Davis, or Covington County) as substantiated by the appropriate investigating agency responsible for clearing the incident.
- This applies to sworn officers who are injured or deceased in the line of duty. In cases involving officer death, the death must have occurred within 12 months of the initial injury/incident.
- If permanently disabled, must provide medical documentation to substantiate medical condition and disability.
- Acceptance to a community college, college, university, vocational school or police academy
- Minimum GPA 2.5 or GED

NOTIFICATION

Applicants will be notified by mail about the status of their application no later than April 15. Scholarship funds will be distributed directly to the institution of the applicant's choice no later than July 1.

GUIDELINES

Each complete application must be received by the Scholarship Advisory Committee by March 25.

- Completed application form
- Official high school and/or post-secondary school transcripts or GED (Must be in an unopened envelope sealed by the school)
- If renewal application applicant must provide most recent transcript

QUESTIONS

Contact the PineBelt Foundation at 601.583.6180 or pinebeltcf@bellsouth.net



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(Application is for the School Year beginning in the Fall & ending in the Spring)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Full Name: _____ SSN: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Law Enforcement Officer under whom Applicant is applying: _____

Your Relationship to the Law Enforcement Officer:

- self spouse child step-child sibling (including half-brothers/half-sisters),
 guardian or legal dependent parents step parents

Law Enforcement Officer's Agency: _____

Officer's or Family Contact Information Number: _____

Date of Injury/Occurrence: _____

High School Attended/ Attending: _____ Graduated Date: _____

School Address: _____

GPA or GED: _____

Previous College and/or university attended: _____ Years Attended: _____

College and/or university you plan to attend: _____

Class Level: _____

School Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Major/Career Goals: _____

Name and amounts of any scholarships you expect to receive:

(Please do not apply if you are receiving a full scholarship, including books from another source)

I certify that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be asked to provide proof of information stated on this form.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

I have included one copy of the following:

- Completed application form
- Official high school and/or post-secondary school transcripts or GED (Must be in an unopened envelope sealed by the school)

Completed application must be received

at the address below by March 9:

The Greater PineBelt Community Foundation
1507 Hardy Street Suite 208
Hattiesburg, MS 39401