



The Phoenix of the Detroit Fire Department Scholarship Application 2007-2008

Purpose: To provide scholarships to deserving Detroit resident, Detroit Public School graduates attending colleges and universities nationwide.

Award Components: One (1) \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to the applicant of the Phoenix Scholarship with the selection being made by the Phoenix' Scholarship Committee.

Criteria:

1. Applicant must be a Detroit resident
2. Applicant must be a DPS graduate
3. Application must be accepted to an accredited college/university
4. Applicant must demonstrate scholarship with a minimum gpa of 2.5 out of 4.0.
5. Preference may be given to a student who demonstrates financial need.

Application Process (Applicant must submit):

1. Completed application form (incomplete applications will not be processed).
2. Letter of application addressed to the Scholarship Committee containing a brief explanation of career goals and biographical (background) information.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation from teachers or school administrators supporting the application.
4. Transcripts of grades from all schools attended.
5. A financial needs form (Only if you desire to demonstrate financial need).
6. Essay of 500 words or less on the impact the fire department has had on the applicant's life.

Deadline for submission is May 31, 2007. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

Submit application packets to:

Phoenix of the Detroit Fire Department
Scholarship Committee
PO Box 02022
Detroit, MI 48202

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Phoenix of the Detroit Fire Department, established in 1967, is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), community service organization. We are supported chiefly by Detroit Firefighters with an interest in helping the less fortunate. One of the goals of the Phoenix is to award scholarships to deserving students of the Detroit Public School system.

This year, the Phoenix of the Detroit Fire Department's Scholarship Committee has elected to award one(1) \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to a DPS graduating senior residing in the City of Detroit.

We are proud to make this announcement and enclose instructions and application forms for the Phoenix of the Detroit Fire Department Scholarship. Please have qualified applicants complete and return the applications by May 31, 2007 so that the Scholarship Committee can complete the selection process in a timely manner. Applications postmarked after May 31, 2007, will not be considered.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Khari Wheeler
President

Enclosures



The Phoenix of the Detroit Fire Department Scholarship Application 2007-2008

Applicant's Last Name

Application Deadline: May 31, 2008

Enter your last name in the box to the right. Information must be filled out by applicant. Read all instructions carefully before completing.

Personal Information

Full Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

Male or Female _____ Are you, or are you related to, a Phoenix member _____

Racial/Ethnic Information (Voluntary)

- American Indian or Alaskan
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- African American
- Caucasian
- Hispanic
- Multi-Racial

By June 2005, I will have completed

- High School
- 1st year college
- 2nd year college
- 3rd year college

Eligibility

1. Detroit Public School Graduate
2. City of Detroit Resident
3. Acceptance into an accredited college, university, community college, or technical or trade school at the time of the award. **Graduate students are not eligible.**
4. Awards must be used for the 2007-2008 school year.
5. Applications must be postmarked by **May 31, 2007** in order to be considered.
 - Applicants wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their applications may send a self-addressed, **stamped postcard** along with the application.
 - The Phoenix will not be able to advise applicants as to the status of their applications.
 - Only **AWARDEES** will be sent notification on June 30, 2007.

Award Criteria

Awards will be based on academic achievement and potential, character, leadership, social awareness, career goals and financial need. Applications will be judged by the Phoenix Scholarship Committee.

Application Instructions

1. Application must be filled out by the applicant. Please type or print clearly.
2. All requirements must be met and all information must be completed in order for the application to be considered.
3. Enclose with your application two sealed letters of reference from a teacher or other school administrator who is familiar with your achievements and abilities. Instruct your reference to sign his/her name across the seal of the envelope. **Applications without sealed letters of reference will not be considered; do not send letters of reference separately.**
4. Attach an essay of no more than 500 words describing the impact that the fire department has had on your life. **Applications without essays will not be considered; do not send essays separately.**
5. Review and complete the scholarship application checklist and certification on the back of this application.
6. Retain a copy of the completed application for your files.

Educational Background

Name of Institution	Location	Date Attended	Major	Graduation Date	Grade Point Average

SAT or ACT Scores

Test taken: _____ Date taken: _____ Score: Verbal _____ Math _____ Total _____

Schools to which you have applied:

Check If Accepted

First Choice _____	Location _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 nd Choice _____	Location _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 rd Choice _____	Location _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Anticipated Graduation Date _____

Estimated Financial Need

- List the total anticipated amount you will need for the year. Include the cost of tuition and expenses such as books, transportation and housing. \$ _____
- List the financial aid programs in which you will be participating or have applied for, such as partial scholarships provided by the school, an alumni association, government or other group.

Source _____	\$ _____
Source _____	\$ _____
- List funds you will receive from any other source, such as parental assistance, employment or gifts. \$ _____
- Calculate the new amount you will need by subtracting your funding (from financial aid and other sources listed above) from your total amount needed. **Net Amt.** \$ _____

Please provide any additional information that you believe would be helpful to the Scholarship Committee in assessing your personal or financial need.

Employment/Awards/Activities

Please provide information on employment you have held. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Please provide information on any special honors or awards you have received.

Please provide information on the extracurricular or outside activities (clubs, sports or volunteer work) in which you have participated.

Letters of Reference

Please include two sealed recommendation letters from a teacher or other school administrator who is familiar with your achievements and abilities. Instruct your reference to sign his/her name across the seal of the envelope. **Applications without sealed letters of reference will not be considered.**

Essay

Please submit an essay of no more than 500 words describing the impact that the fire department has had on your life. **Applications without essays will not be considered.**

Phoenix Membership Verification Form

Phoenix members, their spouses and dependent children(as defined by IRS regulations) are ineligible for the DPS Scholarship. However, there is a Membership Scholarship that they may qualify for. Any applicant marking “yes” for the membership question must submit a Membership Verification Form.

This form must be completed by the applicant, verified by the Phoenix Member and validated by the Phoenix Executive Board. This form must then be submitted together with the application in order to qualify for the Phoenix' Membership Scholarship. **The Scholarship Committee is not able to help in verifying your Phoenix membership status.**

Name of Scholarship Applicant: _____
(Please type or print clearly)

Signature _____

Name of Phoenix Member: _____
(Please type or print clearly)

Signature _____

Relationship _____

This Area for Phoenix Executive Board Only

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, certify that all of the information I have included in and with my application is true. I understand that if I am selected for an award, I may be required to submit further proof of claims made in the application. Further, I agree that if I am selected for an award, my name, photograph, and/or essay may be used for publicity purposes with no additional compensation by the sponsors of this scholarship program. I also certify that I have read and understand the information above.

Signature

Date

Notary

Date

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- When submitting your application, include your **sealed** letters of reference, your essay, your transcripts and your signed Membership Verification Form. **Application without this information will not be considered.**
- If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your application, send a self-addressed, **stamped postcard** along with the application.
- The Phoenix of the Detroit Fire Department **cannot** provide any information on the status of the applications. **Please do not call.**
- **Only scholarship recipients will be notified.** All notifications will be sent on June 30, 2007, and any recipients not heard from in 30 days will be contacted by telephone.
- Applications **must** be signed in order to be considered.

Checklist

Use this checklist to complete your application. All materials must be submitted with this application. **Materials sent separately will not be considered. Your application will not be considered if it is incomplete.**

- Complete all sections of the application.
- **2 Letters of reference.** Two sealed recommendation letters. Instruct your reference to sign his/her name across the seal of the envelope. Send the letters with the application in order to be considered.
- **Essay.** The essay must be sent with the application in order to be considered.
- **Transcripts** from your High School and any other college, university, or trade school.
- Membership Verification Form. If you are a Phoenix member or are related to a Phoenix member, you must complete this form and submit it with your application.
- Return receipt postcard (only if you want confirmation that your application was received).
- Enter your **last name** in the top right corner box on the front of the application.
- **Review and sign the application.**
- Retain a copy of the completed application for your files.

Applications must be postmarked by May 31, 2007

Mail to:

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Detroit, MI 48202**