

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34
Sidney Schlachman
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34 is proud to be able to offer student scholarships. This scholarship is for the Child/Step Child or Grandchild of an Active, Retired or Associate Member of The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34, who is in good standing. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who have displayed excellence in academics. Four Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500 each.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
2. Student must be a graduating high school senior.
3. Student must demonstrate a strong work ethic and personal character.

THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE STRESSES THAT EACH APPLICATION MUST:

1. Be postmarked no later than April 16 2026
2. Be returned to the "Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34 at 730 Wampler Road Middle River, MD 21220.
3. Be signed by an Active Sworn, Retired or Associate Member of F.O.P. 34 in good standing.
4. Be marked "Student Scholarship Application" on the outermost envelope
5. Be fully completed and signed by the applicant.
6. Be completed on the 2026 form (attached)
7. Be accompanied by an official transcript of cumulative grade point average. Official transcripts must have the school's embossed seal on the transcript itself, or be placed in an envelope secured by the school.

RECOMMENDATIONS (Not Mandatory):

These suggestions are offered in the hope that we can get all of our applicants qualified for the Scholarship they seek.

1. Send the application by certified mail. This will ensure its arrival by the deadline, and you will have a receipt that the Scholarship application was received.
2. Send the official transcript in the same envelope with the application, rather than have the school send it separately. This way you will ensure that both arrive together by the deadline.

AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34 Scholarship Committee will meet and select the four best applications based on the criteria. The scholarship committees decision is final. The four Recipients will be notified once the committee has made their selections and the scholarships will be distributed at the May general membership meeting or by other means if the recipient cannot attend. In the event that no applications are received by The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34 by May 1 2026, no scholarships will be awarded for this year.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

The scholarship committee will consider scholastic achievement and excellence, extracurricular activities (school and community), honors, active participation in sports team(s), and awards are points of consideration in the selection process. Race, color, sex, creed, religious beliefs, national origin, sexual orientation or physical impairments will not be considered in determining recipients.

APPLICATIONS:

Each prospective recipient shall sign their name in the space provided on the application form and by doing so they state their intention to further their academic studies in the upcoming year at a higher learning establishment. The prospective recipient will be required to fully complete the attached application and hand write a personal statement to the scholarship committee. Any and all pertinent information pertaining to the applicant should be included in the personal statement to assist the committee in their selection. The applicant will be notified via email that the Scholarship committee has received their application but will not advise the applicant of any errors. We encourage all applicants to be diligent with their application following all the rules precisely as specified. Good Luck to all of our applicants

Scott Ritzes

FOP Lodge 34 Scholarship Committee Chairman

Student's Information

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Sponsoring F.O.P. 34's Member Name (print): _____

Is applicant living in the F.O.P. 34 member's household? YES () NO ()

Applicant's Phone # _____ Applicants email address _____

High School Cumulative Grade Point Average (attach transcript): _____

High School Organization / Club or other activities (indicate offices held) -

Higher Learning establishment with intent to attend: _____

Indicate the approximate cost of tuition, on campus room and board, and books. Please indicate if those figures are for a semester, quarter, or year. _____

Major field of study if known? _____

Specify any amount and type of financial aid expected to receive:

Required Signatures & Documentation

Materials Required:

- 1. School Transcript (official copy).
- 2. PERSONAL STATEMENT: On an additional sheet, state how this scholarship could benefit you and your future plans, goals, and career objectives. You should provide any additional information that may be helpful in evaluating your application. **DO NOT TYPE YOUR STATEMENT** only hand written statements will be accepted.

I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA FOR SELECTION AND THAT ALL INFORMATION IS CORRECT.

Applicant's Signature X

X _____
F.O.P. 34 Active, Retired or Associate Member's Signature

