

## Edward J. VanSciver Memorial Merit Award

This award of \$500 is to be granted to a high school senior in Burlington County, New Jersey, who has demonstrated a commitment to community service and/or their school and is actively engaged in volunteer service or career planning as a first responder.

### Background

Edward J. VanSciver was born and raised in Burlington, NJ. He was a proud US Navy veteran who served in municipalities as a volunteer firefighter and auxiliary police while working for Rohm and Haas Chemical Company as part of their emergency response team and manufacturing. Ed also expressed his lifelong commitment to public service through the work of his church. This award seeks to honor Ed's legacy by supporting and encouraging the next generation of civic-minded first responders.

### Eligibility & Selection Criteria

- A high school senior with a passing GPA at the time of application.
- Demonstrated commitment to service in the community or school through volunteer efforts and/or extracurricular activities.
- Actively engaged as a volunteer or career planning for fire service, emergency medical services, law enforcement, and/or public safety support.

### Application Process

- Submit a complete award application package to [EJVMeritAward@gmail.com](mailto:EJVMeritAward@gmail.com) by April 24, 2026. Late or partial applications will not be accepted.
- The application package must include:
  - Completed application form available at: <https://pinkdiva.org/scholarships>.
  - Copy of the applicant's high school transcripts (official or unofficial).
  - A recommendation letter from a teacher, coach, advisor, employer, or community leader. Letters from relatives will not be accepted.
  - Detailed list of the applicant's volunteer and/or extracurricular activities, including the dates, locations, and brief descriptions of each.
  - One-page essay outlining the applicant's goals as a first responder (volunteer or career) and how the award will be used to meet those goals.
- The Award Committee will review and evaluate all applications and choose at least one (1) qualified recipient. Additional awards may be granted based on available funding.
- The recipient(s) will be notified in May. Funds will be distributed by June 30, 2026.
- Questions concerning the application or award process should be sent to [EJVMeritAward@gmail.com](mailto:EJVMeritAward@gmail.com).

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## APPLICATION FORM

1) Full Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

2) Street Address, City, State, Zip Code:

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3) Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

4) Home Phone (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

5) Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

6) Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

7) High School Name and Address:

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8) Name and Contact Information for Recommendation Letter(s) (phone/email):

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Required attachments (see instructions for details):

- High School Transcripts       Volunteer and/or Extracurricular Activities List  
 Recommendation Letter(s)      Personal Essay

I affirm that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if any of the information provided herein is knowingly false and/or inaccurate, I am subject to disqualification and will be ineligible for any award. I consent to verification of the information contained in my application. (Add date first; cannot edit once signed.)

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_