



## CHRISTINE WILSON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FIRE ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP

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1. The Wilson Education and Mental Wellness Foundation Scholarship 2026 fall deadline application submission is **May 1, 2026**. All submitted applications will be reviewed by our selection panel and considered.
  2. **Two (2) scholarship recipients will be selected each year—one per Fire Academy class.**
  3. Please review the eligibility criteria listed below to ensure you meet all requirements.
  4. Refer to the application process section for a complete list of required supporting documents (e.g., letters of recommendation, proof of GPA, certifications). **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
  5. If a question does not apply to you, please write **N/A** in the space provided.
  6. All applications must be **typed or printed clearly**. Illegible applications will not be considered.
  7. You will be notified of your application status by email or phone.
  8. For any questions regarding this application, please contact Christine Wilson at **Wilsoneduandwellness@gmail.com**.

**NOTE:** The Wilson Education and Mental Wellness Foundation will make all scholarship payments directly to the accredited college for the approved program(s).

**Purpose:** To award a financial scholarship to a deserving underserved student from Fresno County pursuing fire-service training through the Fresno City College Fire Academy.

“Underserved” describes any population segment experiencing exceptional service needs. This may include individuals or youth who are geographically isolated, economically disadvantaged, low-income, underrepresented, women, racial or ethnic minorities, sexual minorities, or first-generation students.

**Award Components:** A scholarship may be awarded depending on the funds generated for distribution each year up to cover; not to exceed \$2000. All distributions will be paid directly to the vendor or institution. No monies will be paid directly to the recipient.

CSFM Certificates, Protective Clothing\*(student is responsible for the \$100 deposit)

### **Fire Academy Scholarship Eligibility Criteria**

1. Applicants must have a **high school diploma or GED**.
2. Applicants must be **18 years of age or older**.
3. Applicants must meet the **underserved status** criteria listed above.



4. Applicants must possess a **valid driver's license**.
5. Applicants must **not** have a criminal record involving a **misdemeanor or felony conviction**.
6. Applicants must submit proof of **National Registry Certification**, as required by the Fire Academy prerequisites.
7. Applicants must have successfully completed **Fire Tech 1**, as required by the Fresno City College Fire Academy prerequisites.

**Applicants must submit the following items:**

1. **Completed application form** – If handwritten, please print clearly and legibly.
2. **Two (2) letters of recommendation** from any of the following: high school teacher or mentor, administrator, counselor, employer, or an individual with significant knowledge of your character, achievements, and/or community involvement.
3. **A copy of your high school diploma or GED certificate.**
4. **A copy of your National Registry Certification.**
5. **A copy of your transcript showing successful completion of a Fire Tech 1 course.**
6. **Personal essay** – Please respond to the essay prompt(s) on the enclosed essay sheet and attach your essay as a separate document.
7. **Oral interview** – Selected applicants may be invited to participate in an interview as part of the final selection process.

Please email your completed application and all required documents to:  
**wilsoneduandwellness@gmail.com**

Please type or print your answers below. If the application is illegible, it will be returned to you.

1. Last Name:  First Name:
2. Date of Birth:
3. Mailing Address:
4. Phone Number:
5. High School Attended:  Year Graduated:



6. Current College:  Graduation Date:

7. College(s) Attended

8. Year Graduated:

9. List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter (i.e. personal, other scholarships, grants, student loans, and other financial resources). Include amounts of all items listed.

10. What are your educational objectives?



11. List your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school or college:

12. List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:

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13. Personal Essays: Please write or type your essay as a separate document, include your name, date of birth, and mailing address at the top of the page, and print or save and attach it to this application.

**Two essays must be submitted.**

Your essay must be limited to 500 words, neat and legible, to be accepted with this application.

Essay Topic (1): Describe the experiences or moments that inspired you to pursue a career in the fire service. How have these experiences shaped your personal values, and how do you hope to contribute to your community through this profession?

Essay topic (2): How would receiving this scholarship reduce financial barriers and help you remain focused on your education, training, or mental well-being?

**Which of the following apply to you? (Check all that apply):**

- ☐ First-generation college student
- ☐ Household income limits ability to pay for education
- ☐ Supporting family members financially
- ☐ Experiencing housing or food insecurity
- ☐ Medical, mental health, or unexpected financial hardship
- ☐ Working while attending school
- ☐ Receiving limited or no financial aid
- ☐ Other (please explain)

**Please briefly explain how these circumstances impact your ability to afford school:**



**Optional: Please select your approximate household income range:**

- ☐ Under \$30,000
  - ☐ \$30,000–\$49,999
  - ☐ \$50,000–\$74,999
  - ☐ \$75,000+
  - ☐ Prefer not to disclose
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As part of the Wilson Education and Mental Wellness Scholarship program, recipients who obtain employment in the fire service agree to make a good-faith contribution back to the Wilson Education and Mental Wellness Foundation Inc., in an amount equal to the scholarship they received, to support future fire academy students. All donated funds will be awarded to a future cadet in the donor's name.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

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**Media & Publicity Consent**

By accepting this scholarship, the recipient agrees to allow the **Wilson Education and Mental Wellness Foundation Inc.** to use their **name, photograph, and/or likeness** for **promotional and informational purposes**, including but not limited to the Foundation's **website, social media platforms, printed materials, newsletters, and marketing communications**.

The recipient understands that these materials may be used to highlight scholarship recipients, promote the Foundation's mission, and acknowledge donor support. No compensation will be provided for the use of such materials.

This consent is granted voluntarily and may be revoked in writing at any time by notifying the Foundation; however, revocation will not apply to materials already published or distributed.

Applicant Signature:

Date:



**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY** I hereby affirm that all the above-stated information I provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also agree that my picture may be taken and used for any necessary purpose to promote the Wilson Education and Mental Wellness Foundation. I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Applicant Signature:

Date: