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### Orlando-Based Nonprofit Launches Nationwide Fire Academy Scholarship Program in Memory of Devon Bellar

**Orlando, FL** — Devon's Legacy Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Orlando, is proud to announce the launch of its **Fire Academy Sponsorship Program**, a nationwide initiative that provides full tuition scholarships to young adults pursuing careers in firefighting. The program opens for applications on **June 1, 2025**.

The foundation was created in memory of **Devon Nicholas Bellar**, a passionate, driven 19-year-old who dreamed of becoming a firefighter before his life was tragically cut short in January of this year. Devon was a proud member of the Apopka Fire Explorers program and dedicated his teenage years to serving and preparing for a life of purpose.

“Devon may not have had the chance to wear the uniform, but his heart was already in the fire service,” said **Sam Bellar**, Devon's mother and founder of the foundation. “This scholarship program is my way of carrying his dream forward—by removing financial barriers for others who are called to serve their communities.”

The **Fire Academy Sponsorship Program** is open to applicants ages 18–26 across the United States who have been accepted into or are currently enrolled in a certified fire academy. Scholarships cover tuition directly and are awarded twice a year—in **June** and **December**.

Through this program, Devon's Legacy Foundation hopes to expand its reach beyond Central Florida, empowering the next generation of first responders with the support and training they need to succeed.

For more information, to apply, or to donate, visit [www.DevonsLegacyFoundation.org](http://www.DevonsLegacyFoundation.org).

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