



FINEST & BRAVEST FOUNDATION OF SUGAR LAND

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Application Deadline

June 26, 2025

Questions? Contact us at:

Scholarships@FinestandBravestSugarLand.org

OVERVIEW

The Finest & Bravest Foundation of Sugar Land Scholarship Program was established in 2024 to support the children of Sugar Land firefighters and police officers. This scholarship is funded through fundraisers and private/corporate donations.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be a child or dependent of a currently employed Sugar Land Fire Department Firefighter and/or Sugar Land Police Department Officer in good standing.
- Applicant must be a high school graduate or have a GED.
- Applicant must not have been convicted of a felony or currently charged with any crime.
- Applicant must be enrolled full-time (at least 12 credit hours, or full-time as defined by your school) at an accredited college, university, or vocational school.
- Applicant may reapply for a second year. Scholarships may only be received for two years.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Applications must be complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Please respond to all questions with attention to detail. Incomplete responses may disqualify your application.
- Two sealed letters of recommendation must be received by June 26, 2025. Give recommenders the form early — letters must be returned directly from the recommender in a sealed envelope.
- Transcripts and scores must be attached to the application.
- Applications must be postmarked by June 26, 2025.

IMPORTANT: Postmark Requirement

Your application must be POSTMARKED by June 26, 2025. A postmark is the official date stamp applied by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) when your envelope is accepted at the post office.

FedEx and UPS shipments do NOT receive a USPS postmark and will NOT qualify.

To ensure your application qualifies: mail via USPS (First-Class or Priority Mail) and request a postmark at the counter when dropping off your envelope.

Applications become the property of the Finest & Bravest Foundation of Sugar Land and will not be returned. Winning essays may be published, and winners may be asked to attend the annual event.

AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIP

When a scholarship is awarded, the recipient and their parent/guardian will be notified by mail, email, or phone call.

- Scholarships will be paid directly to the school in the student's name. If you will not be able to attend the school listed on your application, notify the Foundation immediately.
- Proof of enrollment must be submitted by email to the Scholarship Committee before your award can be released.
- Incoming college freshmen must provide an acceptance letter, fee receipt, or other official proof of enrollment.
- Students currently attending college must provide proof of enrollment showing the number of credit hours elected.

SELECTION PROCESS

Each section of your application will be reviewed and scored by the scholarship committee using a weighted scoring system. Applicants may be asked to participate in a personal interview as part of the selection process. Final recipients will be determined by weighted scores and interview performance.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Your application will be scored based on the following:

- High School GPA — a copy of your certified transcript must be provided
- SAT and/or ACT test results — copies of scores, if available (optional)
- Academic awards and honors
- Extracurricular activities, volunteer experience, and work history
- Written essay composition
- Quality and completeness of the application

HOW TO SUBMIT

Mail your complete application packet, postmarked by June 26, 2025, to:

Scholarships

Finest & Bravest Foundation of Sugar Land
PO Box 2275
Sugar Land, Texas 77487

Questions? Email: Scholarships@FinestandBravestSugarLand.org

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Scholarship Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student Name: _____ Age: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

College / University: _____

Parent / Guardian Associated with Sugar Land Fire and/or Police Department:

Name: _____

Department: _____

Address (if different): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SCORES

Please attach certified copies of all transcripts and scores.

High School GPA: _____ College GPA (if applicable): _____

Attach additional pages as needed.

ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

List involvement in community activities, clubs, or organizations. Include the number of years of participation for each.

HONORS & AWARDS

List honor societies and/or academic awards received.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

List the organization name and the type of service you provided.

WORK EXPERIENCE

List the business name, a description of your role, and dates of employment.

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Scholarship Recommendation Form

Instructions for Students

Give this form to a teacher, employer, or someone (other than a relative) who knows your work ethic and character. They must complete it confidentially and return it directly to the Foundation — not to you — in a sealed envelope, by June 26, 2025.

STUDENT & RECOMMENDER INFORMATION

Student Name: _____

Name of Person Making Recommendation: _____

Relationship: _____ Email: _____

RECOMMENDATION QUESTIONS

This information will not be shared with the student. Use back of page if needed.

1. What three words describe this student?

2. In what capacity do you know this student?

3. Please comment on this student's worthiness to receive this award.

BEFORE YOU SEAL THE ENVELOPE

Use this checklist to make sure your application is complete before mailing.

Application Packet Checklist

- Application form is fully completed — no blank fields
- Most current certified high school transcript is attached
- College transcript attached (if currently attending college)
- SAT/ACT scores attached (if available)
- Essay is written and attached (300–500 words)
- Two sealed letters of recommendation are included (returned directly by recommenders)
- Proof of enrollment is included or will be submitted by email prior to award
- Application is signed and all pages are included

Mailing Checklist

- Mailed via USPS (First-Class or Priority Mail) — NOT FedEx or UPS
- Postmarked by June 26, 2025 — request a postmark at the post office counter
- Addressed to: Finest & Bravest Foundation of Sugar Land, PO Box 2275, Sugar Land, TX 77487

Good luck — we're proud of you for applying!

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