

Colorado Burglar & Fire Alarm Association Youth Scholarship Information & Eligibility Rules



The electronic security, fire & life safety industry works intimately with the public safety sector. The Colorado Burglar & Fire Alarm Association (CBFAA) appreciates the contribution that police, firefighters, paramedics, and EMTs offer to our communities. To show our appreciation, the Youth Scholarship program was developed to provide college scholarships to their deserving children.

High school seniors who have a commitment to excellence and are inspired by the work their first responder parent(s) do in our communities, are invited to apply.

The first-place winner of the CBFAA scholarship program is automatically considered for the national Electronic Security Association (ESA) Youth Scholarship Program awards.

Awards are based on a combination of academic achievement, national test scores, extracurricular participation, and an essay. In addition to completing the application and submitting the appropriate documentation, each student must write an essay explaining "What it means to me to have my parent or guardian involved in securing our community."

ELIGIBILITY RULES:

1. Applicants must be at least 15 years of age and not older than 20. He or she must be a graduating high school senior who will receive a diploma from an accredited high school. Home schooled students and students attending military or boarding schools are also eligible to apply. Applicants must be accepted for admission to an accredited college or university, matriculating the following year.
2. Each eligible student must have a father, mother or natural guardian who meets the following qualifications: **a)** Parent must be a full-time paid member of the police or sheriff's department or fire department. Parent/guardian may also be a volunteer member of a fire department. **b)** Parent or guardian must be an active-duty police officer, firefighter, paramedic, or EMT (public sector). Children of administrative staff do not qualify. **c)** Children of DHS, FBI and other Federal employees do not qualify. **d)** Children of reserve officers, part-time sheriff's deputies and retired, or deceased employees do not qualify.
3. Each student must submit a fully completed and signed application through the online portal through the link on CBFAA's website or on the ESA website directly. The application may be submitted first, followed by other required documents. Application and all other required documents must be received on or before the deadline to be accepted. Failure to follow instructions can result in disqualification.
4. Students must submit the following:
 - Completed and signed application.
 - Essay (typed)
 - Transcripts from the school (or parent if home schooled) that lists the student's grade point average. GPA must be in a standard 4.0 or 0-100 percent scale or conversion method must be provided.
 - Proof of acceptance to a college or university (letter/certificate acceptable; does not have to be the student's intended college or university).

- Proof of parent's occupation (copy of ID or supervisory letter on station letterhead acceptable).
- Résumé listing community service, academic prizes, awards, hobbies, extracurricular activities and work history.
- Proof of verified community service.
- Letter of recommendation from a high school counselor, teacher or other outside agency which speaks to the student's character.

5. All materials become the property of CBFAA & ESA. By submitting an application and essay, the student grants permission to publish any and all essays. Applicants also agree that if they win, they will cooperate in publicity efforts, including (but not limited to) participating in interviews with CBFAA and national ESA communications, local, trade and national press, and submitting photos for inclusion in state association and national publications, press materials and online. Applicants will make every effort to be present for the local state association award presentation — and if applicable — the national award ceremony. (Attendance at such an event is not a requirement but is encouraged.)

6. Awards are based on a combination of academic achievement, national test scores, community service, extracurricular participation and the essay. All decisions are final. The score is based on the following:

- 25 POINTS: Grade Point Average (*unweighted* GPA submission required for consideration) + ACT/SAT Scores, if applicable. Student's without test scores will have their GPA more heavily impact their score in the judging process.
- 40 POINTS: Essay
- 20 POINTS: Verified Community Service
- 15 POINTS: Academic Prizes, Awards, Hobbies, School and Extracurricular Activities/Clubs

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