**PHILADELPHIA LODGE #5 FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE**

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The Philadelphia Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #5 will offer college scholarships in 2024 for the children and grandchildren of active and retired police officers. The *FOP Lodge #5 Scholarships* are intended to provide supplemental funding for the cost of tuition, room and board, or related educational expense for deserving students seeking a college degree. In providing academic funding, the FOP wishes to promote academic achievement, civic responsibility, leadership, and ethical and moral stewardship. Applicants must plan to attend an accredited post-secondary institution (e.g. two or four year college/university), provide some documented service to the community, and be a person in good standing in the community. Scholarships for this dispensation of awards total $9,500, however, the FOP plans to increase the number of scholarships granted in the coming years through fund raising, private donations, and partnering with organizations whose reputation exemplify the qualities we promulgate.

The *FOP Lodge #5 Scholarships* are as followed:

* Two (2) $2,500 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who demonstrate a combination of academic distinction, community service, leadership, and a desire to add value to the Philadelphia Community. Recipients must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or better as of June 2023, be a citizen in good standing (i.e. eligible for federal/state grants, thus, not convicted of a felony), and able to provide necessary documents supporting exceptional commitment to academia and the community.
* Five (4) $1,000 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who demonstrate a combination of academic dexterity, community involvement, and a desire to make a positive public impact. Recipients must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better as of June 2023, be a citizen in good standing, and able to provide supporting documents to determine eligibility.

Prospective applicants must follow the prescribed guidelines to be eligible for consideration of the *FOP Lodge #5 Scholarships*:

* Complete application starting November 13, 2023. A hard copy will be available on the FOP website (www.fop5.org), and must be filled out and returned by the due date of February 2, 2024.
* Sign the Media Release and Consent form. This form gives the FOP permission to use the recipient’s name in the promotion and dissemination of information about the scholarship, and to list the recipient on the FOP website.
* Submit a One-page (single spaced) essay explicating how the college experience (i.e., attending college courses, activities, and graduating with a degree) will enhance your future social and economic opportunities, and thus add value to the Philadelphia Community. Essays should be 500-750 words highlighting academic achievements, which have prepared the student for college, community service activities, and examples of the student public behavior which demonstrating high moral character. Essays must be received in FOP headquarters, 11630 Caroline Rd Philadelphia, PA 19154, by February 2, 2024 (attention Education Committee).
* Provide supporting documents for evaluation of eligibility. These documents must be official copies of academic transcripts, college acceptance letters, teachers, principal, coaches, etc. letters of recommendations.
* Award recipients will be notified by May 1, 2024 via email and/or U.S. Postal mail. Additionally, a list of awardees will be posted on the FOP website.

All documents must be received by February 2, 2024, either dropped off here or mailed to:

FOP Lodge #5 Headquarters

11630 Caroline Road

Philadelphia, PA 19154

Attention Education Committee

Privacy Policy

All documents received by the Education Committee, which is the committee responsible for overseeing the FOP College Scholarship application process, evaluating applicant eligibility, determining awardees, and issuing ‘letters of awards’ will be stored for one calendar year. At the conclusion of the repository period, the document will be destroyed in a manner consistent with best business practices.

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