



## Chris Kelley Scholarship Application

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### The Chris Kelley Foundation Mission

*The Chris Kelley Foundation is an all-volunteer, Texas-based non-profit dedicated to perpetually recognizing the ultimate sacrifice made by Detective Sergeant Chris Kelley. This organization brings communities together and supports first responder and military families in need.*

At the age of 18, Chris Kelley went into the United States Air Force. The training and education he received was critical to ensuring he fulfilled his mission in the military and was key to shaping his dream of working in a field that would allow him to give back to his community. After completing his 8-year enlistment, Chris began his law enforcement career in 2006. While working full time as a police officer, Chris received his bachelor's degree in Social and Criminal Justice in 2012. At the time of Chris' death, he was working on his master's degree in Business. Although he was unable to finish his degree, this scholarship is a way for the Chris Kelley Foundation to pursue Chris' passion in training and education by awarding scholarships to students motivated and dedicated to pursuing an advanced education and not only to help them achieve their dreams but also to help them make their community a better place.

In appreciation of Chris' dedication to higher education and his belief in the importance of giving back to his community, the Chris Kelley Foundation proudly offers this scholarship in his memory.

Three scholarships will be awarded to 3 different individuals: Two scholarships will be a one-time award of \$1,000 to each recipient, and a third scholarship award will be \$2,500 for two consecutive years.

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### General Information

- ❖ Applications must be received no later than April 1st.
- ❖ In addition to the application form, you are required to submit other information necessary for the committee evaluation. Only fully completed applications will be considered by the scholarship committee for award.
- ❖ The Board will select only 1 recipient for each scholarship annually. If there are no qualified applicants, the Board may choose to not select a recipient for that year.
- ❖ Each application shall be considered on its merit, and the scholarship will be awarded at the sole discretion of the Board. All decisions of the selection committee are final.
- ❖ Funds will be distributed in August of each year directly to the school.
- ❖ The Board may not renew the second-year scholarship if the qualification standards are not maintained.

Please direct any inquiries concerning eligibility or application submission to [chriskelleyfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:chriskelleyfoundation@gmail.com) or Chris Kelley Foundation, PO Box 333, Hutto, TX 78634

### To Qualify

- ❖ **Resident Status:** The applicant must be a Hutto resident who is attending a public, private or charter school (in person or remote) or being schooled at home.
- ❖ **Diploma Requirements:** The applicant must be eligible to receive his/her high school diploma at the time the application is submitted or have recently received the diploma within the current school year.
- ❖ **Aspirations:** The applicant must have a definite plan to pursue a post-high school program of education or training (i.e., college or vocational school) with a focus on the service to the community. This includes law enforcement, fire fighter, EMS/paramedic, social work, education, public service, non-profit, and healthcare programs.

- ❖ **Character:** The applicant must have exhibited good citizenship traits and be of sound moral character with no criminal background
- ❖ **Post-High School Program:** The applicant must plan on the pursuit of his or her post-high school program on a full-time basis

## **Application Requirement Checklist**

**EACH ITEM BELOW MUST BE INCLUDED IN ORDER FOR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED. ALL ONLINE SUBMISSIONS MUST HAVE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AS AN ATTACHED PDF. NO SHARED GOOGLE DOCUMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

- ❖ Completed application
- ❖ List the college or vocational school you plan on attending
- ❖ List the extracurricular and community activities in which you have participated. Include the activity, dates of participation, hours per week and the position you held.
- ❖ List your work experience with job title, employer, dates, and hours per week on the job. Also include any work you plan for next summer.
- ❖ School Transcript
- ❖ An essay on how continuing your education will be critical to you making an impact in your community.
- ❖ Two (2) letters of recommendations from non-relatives, with a special notation to character and citizenship.

## **Requirements to receive second year scholarship disbursement of \$2500 for those who qualify:**

- ❖ A second-year essay focused on what you have learned in this first year of continuing education.
- ❖ Evidence of passing grades from college or vocational school
- ❖ Good citizenship traits and be of sound moral character with no criminal background.
- ❖ Above items to be submitted prior to approval and disbursement of second year scholarship.
- ❖ A second-year essay must be received no later than July 1st.

## **Application Form Chris Kelley Foundation – Memorial Scholarship**

Please Type or Print Clearly

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Application Submission Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Expected or Completed High School Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Applications are open to students of any race, creed, color, or gender.

Be sure to fill in entire application with all items under “Application Requirement Checklist” included and email to [chriskelleyfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:chriskelleyfoundation@gmail.com) or mail to Chris Kelley Foundation, PO Box 333, Hutto, TX 78634

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Application Deadline – April 1st.