



Dear School Administrator, Law Enforcement and Fire Professionals,

The Wisconsin Electronic Security Association (WIESA), an official chartered chapter of the national Electronic Security Association (ESA), is pleased to announce the availability of college scholarship awards available to sons and daughters of active-duty police and fire personnel.

The scholarship awards, both in the amount of \$750, are available to qualified high schools seniors. The rules for eligibility are contained in this mailing. The WIESA has over 50 members throughout Wisconsin. Our members are companies that sell, design, install, maintain and monitor electronic burglar and fire alarm systems, CCTV systems, intercom and access control systems. This scholarship award is a small way for our industry to say "Thank You" to our very dedicated public safety community and to help pay for an advanced education for deserving students.

Please publicize this scholarship opportunity to your eligible students. A copy of the requirements and application are included with this letter. They can be copied and disseminated as much as needed.

Another exciting aspect of this scholarship is that the first place winner from our state is eligible for the national scholarship awards. The Electronic Security Association Youth Scholarship program awards two college scholarships. The first place national winner receives \$7,500, and the second place award winner receives \$2,500.

We are happy to provide this opportunity to two deserving students, and look forward to assisting you in any way. If you have questions, please contact Maureen Mecham at 262-780-9770.

Sincerely,

Maureen E. Mecham
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Scholarship Committee

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2010 Applicant Information

WIESA Youth Scholarship Program

This program was created to promote goodwill among the electronic systems industry and police and the fire officials by providing college scholarship awards to their deserving sons or daughters.

We are dedicated to representing, promoting, and supporting the electronic life safety, security and systems industry. Member companies specialize in a wide spectrum of services to commercial and residential customers, including security and fire alarms, video surveillance, access control and monitoring. In cooperation the NBFAA we provide government advocacy and deliver timely information, professional development tools, products and services that members use to grow and prosper their businesses. WIESA may be reached at (866) 779-2322 or on the Web at www.wiesa.org.

Although the Youth Scholarship Program is new to WIESA, thousands of dollars have been given to students attending higher education institutions across our country. In fact, more than \$250,000 has been given out by the participating states and NBFAA.

Today, NBFAA and participating Chartered Chapter Associations are involved in the scholarship program. The first place winner of each state's program is automatically considered for the national NBFAA Youth Scholarship Program awards. ***Students who reside in a participating state must enter their state-level scholarship program to be considered for national awards.*** Students who reside in a state without an NBFAA chapter or in a non-participating state should submit their applications directly to NBFAA. NBFAA will select one of these students as the national nominee to compete with the state winners. This student will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Check the NBFAA Web site at www.alarm.org or call (888) 447-1689 for participating states.

The WIESA program awards two scholarships. Both scholarships are valued at \$750.00. One to the son/daughter of an active Wisconsin fire department employee and the other \$750.00 scholarship awarded to the son/daughter of an active Wisconsin police department employee. The grand prize winner will be chosen from the two finalists and his/her entry will be forwarded to the NBFAA for entry into the NBFAA Youth Scholarship Program. The first place winner of the national NBFAA Youth Scholarship Program receives \$10,000 to put towards their college education, to the second prize winner to put towards college and the third place award winner receives \$2,500.

**The Application deadline for the
WIESA Youth Scholarship Program:**

FEBRUARY 28, 2010

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR
BEFORE THE DEADLINE TO BE ACCEPTED.**

Mail completed applications (including transcripts, essay and other documentation) to WIESA. Address and contact information is as follows:

**PO Box 11657
Shorewood, WI 53211**

All decisions are final. All materials become property of WIESA and the NBFAA. Submission is permission to publish any and all essays. Applicants are encouraged to make copies.

RULES AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The student 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, located within the state where they apply. He or she 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. Full-time active employee in the state where the student applies.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Parent or guardian must be a full-time public safety officer (police/fire). Children of administrative staff do not qualify.
 - d. Children of DHS, FBI and other Federal employees do not qualify.
 - e. Children of reserve officers, part-time sheriff's deputies and retired, deceased or disabled employees do not qualify.
3. Each student must submit a fully completed and signed application. 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:
 - a. Completed and signed application
 - b. Essay (typed)
 - c. Proof of enrollment in high school via an official transcript sent by the high school (if transcripts cannot be provided, alternate means of providing enrollment will be accepted on an individual basis)
 - d. Proof of acceptance to a college or university (letter/certificate acceptable; does not have to be the student's intended college or university)
 - e. Proof of parent's occupation (copy of ID or supervisory letter on station letterhead acceptable)
 - f. Copies of SAT and/or ACT test score results submitted by the high school (these may be included on and sent with official high school transcripts)
 - g. Resume listing academic prizes, awards, hobbies, extracurricular activities and work history
 - h. Letter of recommendations from a high school counselor, teacher or other outside agency which verifies participation in extracurricular activities and speaks of the student's character
5. All materials (including essays) become the property of the WIESA and NBFAA. 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 state and national communications, local, trade and national press, and submitting photos for inclusion in state chapter and national publications, press materials and online. Applicants will make every effort to meet with WIESA for an award presentation 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, extracurricular participation and the essay. All decisions are final. The score is based on the following:

a. Grade Average	25 points
b. SAT Scores or ACT	30 points
c. Essay	25 points
d. Academic prizes, awards, hobbies, school and outside extracurricular activities	20 points

Total

100 points



STUDENT APPLICATION

Please type or clearly print all information. Form must be filled out completely and signed.

Name of Applicant _____
Last First Middle

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

High School Information

Name of High School _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Year of HS Graduation _____ GPA through 11th Grade _____ Class Ranking _____

Note: GPA must be in a standard 4.0 scale or based on a grade percentage of 1-100. If your official high school transcript does not include a GPA in one of these formats then a method of conversion must be supplied.

Test Scores

Highest SAT Scores: Verbal: _____ Math: _____ Writing: _____ Total: _____

Highest ACT Score: Composite Score: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name of mother, father or guardian employed by the police or fire department

Last First Middle

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

Precinct or Fire House _____ Badge Number _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

School Counselor Information

Name of high school counselor or individual writing letter of recommendation

Last First

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Ext. _____

Resume

Academic prizes, awards, extracurricular activities, outside activities, community service, work history and hobbies should be on a separate sheet attached to the application.

Writing Sample/Essay

On a separate sheet(s) of paper, write a 500-1000 word essay which explains "**What it means to ME to have my parent or guardian involved in securing our community.**" Please be original, creative and use proper spelling, grammar and punctuation. (Only writing samples that are typed will be considered.)

The essay should be about **you** as an individual and how your parent or guardian, being a member of the public safety community, has shaped your character. Be sure to include specific examples of how decisions you've made in your life reflect the example he or she has set.

Applicants who submit this form and meet the appropriate requirements agree to the following:

1. All prize winners will be notified in writing
2. All applications and writing samples become property of WIESA and the NBFAA.
3. I verify to the best of my knowledge that all of the information contained in this application is accurate and correct. My parent or guardian has signed this application too, verifying the accuracy of the information contained herein.
4. I agree to the terms and conditions of the WIESA and NBFAA Youth Scholarship Program. I authorize verification of all aspects of this application with my high school or the employer of my parent or guardian. I agree to abide by all the terms and conditions of the WIESA and NBFAA Youth Scholarship Rules.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____