



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 2025 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 expenses 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 \$15,000, 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 exemplifies 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 2024, 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.
- Ten (10) \$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 2024, be a citizen in good standing, and able to provide supporting documents to determine eligibility.

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

- Complete application starting November 13, 2024. A hard copy will be available on the FOP website) and must be filled out and returned by the due date of February 7, 2025.
- 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 demonstrate high moral character. Essays must be received in FOP headquarters, 11630 Caroline Rd Philadelphia, PA 19154, by February 7, 2025 (attention Education Committee).
- Provide supporting documents for evaluation of eligibility. These documents must be official copies of academic transcripts, college acceptance letters, letters from teachers and coach in good standing, and other documents which can be easily verified.
- Award recipients will be notified by May 2, 2025, via email and/or U.S. Postal mail. Additionally, a list of awardees will be posted on the FOP website.

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 end of the repository period, the document will be destroyed in line with best business practices.