



# 2026 Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association Scholarship Application

ALL ACADEMIC APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED\* BY April 30,2026



## PERSONAL INFORMATION

LAST NAME:

FIRST NAME:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

DATE OF BIRTH:



## EDUCATION

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

FIRST ATTENDED:

LAST ATTENDED:

GRADUATED:

G.P.A.:

TRANSCRIPT  
ATTACHED

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IF UNDER 21  
PARENT NAME:

STREET  
ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

PHONE  
NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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NAME OF  
COLLEGE:

STREET  
ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

DATE OF  
ADMISSION

LAST ATTENDED:

LEVEL

DEGREE

ACCEPTANCE  
LETTER

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Upon graduation  
how will you use  
your College  
Degree to assist  
"First  
responders"? :

Do you have a family member who is a Law Enforcement Officer, within the Tampa Bay Area?

Name:

Relationship:

Agency:

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Have you received a Scholarship from the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association Previously?

IF above answer  
is yes, when was  
it received (year)?

Please list all the Scholarship(s) have you received or applied for:

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Military?

Dates of service

Type of discharge-

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Have you ever been charged or arrested for a criminal offense?

IF YES please list criminal charges and circumstances below:

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Give the Names, Addresses, and Telephone Numbers of two references (not family members) who can attest to your personal character. Have each include a Letter of Reference as outlined in the instructions:

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**\*\*Note:** Scholarship awards are based upon merit as determined by the Scholarship Committee after review of your application, essays, achievements, character, personal, career goals, extracurricular activities, and service to your school and community. **\*\***

**QUESTION PORTION- PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO WORD COUNT AND DO NOT DUPLICATE ACTIVITIES ON EACH SECTION:**

List your extracurricular activities and describe your level of involvement in each. List your Total hours participating in each activity for the past four years. **\*\***

List patriotic, community, or church activities, you are or have been involved with. List your Total hours participating in each activity for the past four years. **\*\***

List your academic honors and other school related achievements. \*\*

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Essay Portion (Academic scholarship only) Please answer 3 out of the 4 following Essay questions using a minimum of 500 words and no more than 750 words for each essay question. (Please attach the essay's on a separate document.

A. The reporting and investigating on law enforcement actions in many current media outlets have gone from fact and evidential based reports to opinion and perceived reports. Today's sensationalizing of news has caused many positive law enforcement actions with citizens to be reported with negative connotations, where facts have less value in a story than perception of events. The assassination of a good officers character and career is not often thought of when the media wants to sell their story.

What advice would you give an officer who may have experienced a media reported story, whereby the twisting of facts caused them to be viewed by others in a negative light, when they were only acting in a positive and professional manner? Should the officer try to defend their actions in the media or allow the story stand as reported? Please defend your choice.

Have you or someone you have known every experience such a perceptual injustice of facts in any situation and if so, how was it handled? Please describe the factual reality and the negative perceptual views by others. Has this experience changed you in any way?

B. What is your perception on how today's Law Enforcement Officer is viewed within your community? (Explain: Positive and Negative perspectives). What advice would you give to a local police officer on how best to effectively communicate to citizens within your community?

C. In Law Enforcement, officers are required to multi task throughout their shifts, they have many responsibilities that change at a moments notice. An officer must be very effective and efficient at time management, to write police reports, investigate criminal cases, while still finding the time to interact with the citizens in the assigned area. Describe how you have prepared yourself to be able to successfully function in college? What experiences and responsibilities have you have taken on as a student that you feel makes you ready and qualified to multi task at the next level in your educational journey?

D. From a financial standpoint, what impact would this scholarship have on your education and family circumstances?

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**\*\*\*\*Only complete applications will be accepted- please review it to ensure it is complete\*\*\*\***

PLEASE ATTACH A RECENT PHOTO and ATTACH A COPY OF AN OFFICIAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

APPLICANT' S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Active Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Organization Member sponsoring the applicant:

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TBACPA Member's Affiliation to Scholarship Applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Submitting Agency Head/Designee/Retiree or Corporate (Chief, CEO, Sheriff, etc. sign off):

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_